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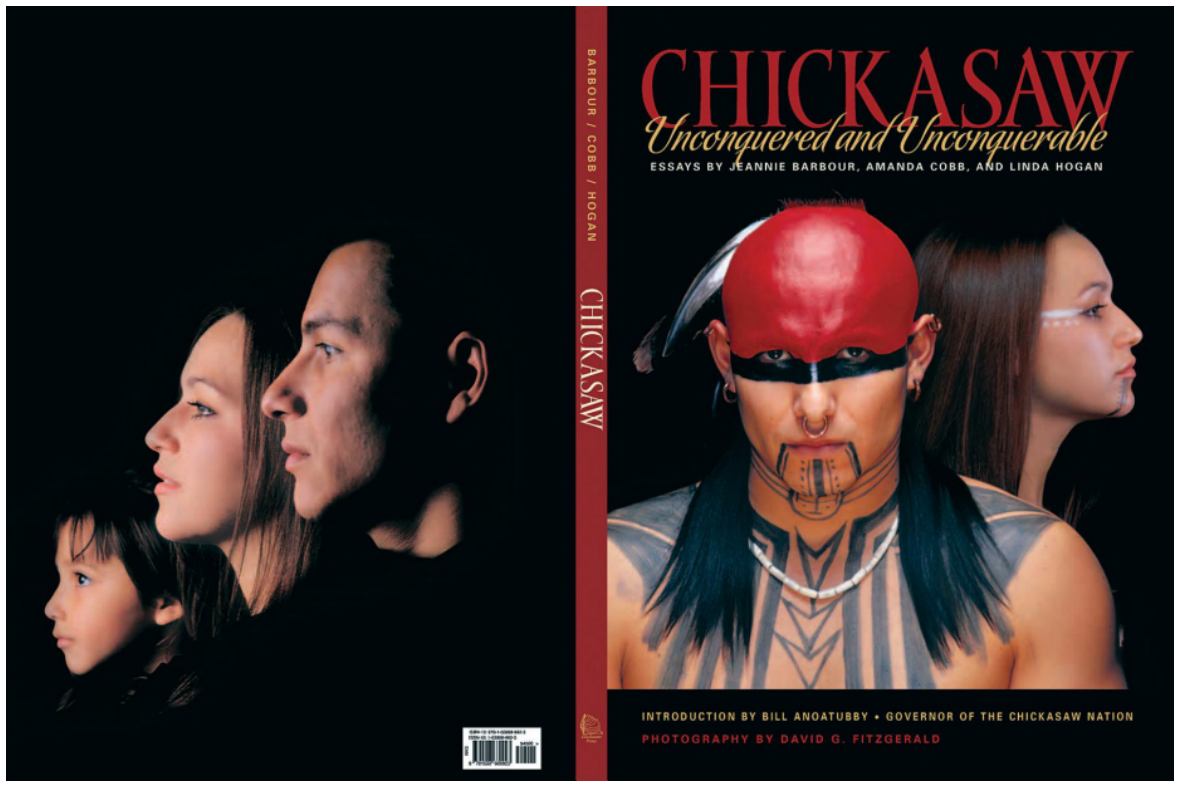
'Unconquered and Unconquerable' recognized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Unconquered and Unconquerable
ESSAYS BY JEANNIE BARBOUR, AMANDA COBB, AND LINDA HOGAN
INTRODUCTION BY BILL ANOATUBBY • GOVERNOR OF THE CHICKASAW NATION
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"*Chickasaw, Unconquered and Unconquerable"* has been named a finalist for an Oklahoma Center for the Book award in the Design and Illustration category.

"It is very gratifying to see the first publication of the Chickasaw Press named a finalist for this prestigious award," said Gov. Bill Anoatubby. "Everyone involved in this project was dedicated to providing meaningful insight into the story of the Chickasaw people and they definitely succeeded."

The book was produced in cooperation with Graphic Arts Center Publishing Company. Designed by Betty Watson, the book features photography by Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame member and three-time Oklahoma Photographer of the Year David Fitzgerald.

Graphics, art, essays, recollections and memoirs of the Chickasaw people, from Removal to present day, are used to tell the story of the Chickasaw people.

Contributing writers include Chickasaw authors Linda Hogan, Dr. Amanda Cobb-Greetham and Jeannie Barbour.

Hogan is a prolific author whose career spans more than two decades. She has won several awards, including the Guggenheim Award, the Before Columbus Foundation American Book award, the Five Civilized Tribes Playwriting Award, and the Wordcraft Circle's Writer of the Year (Prose-Fiction) award.

Dr. Cobb-Greetham is the author of "Listening to our Grandmothers' Stories: The Bloomfield Academy for Chickasaw Females," which won the 2001 American Book Award and the North American Indian Prose Award. She earned her Ph.D from the University of Oklahoma. She is the administrator for the tribal Division of Culture, Research and Scholarship.

Barbour teaches Chickasaw history classes and lectures on Chickasaw political structure and culture. She is an award-winning artist who has done extensive research on Chickasaw culture and documented little known facts about that culture in her art work. Several images of her art work appear in the book.

The Chickasaw Press is part of a comprehensive effort to offer more Chickasaw history and culture to the reading public.

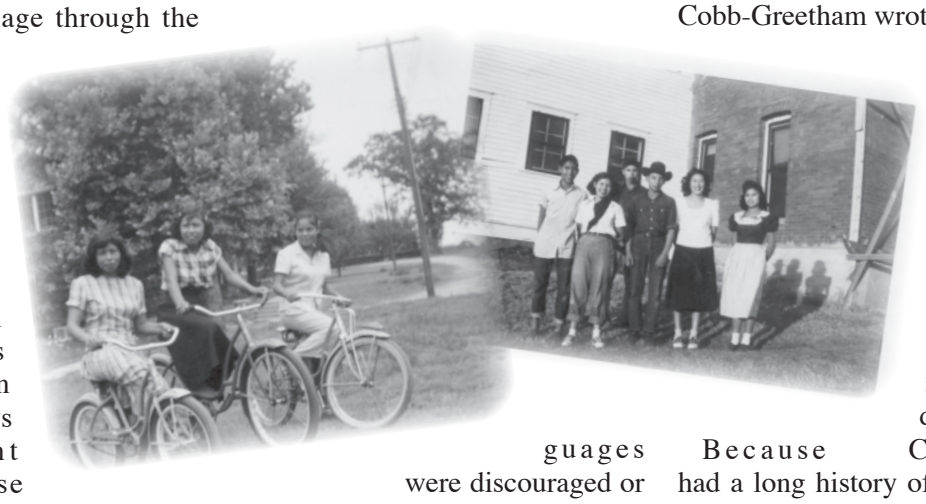
That effort, outlined by Gov. Anoatubby in his October 2005 state of the nation address, includes the publishing company, a series of publication awards and a center for the study of Chickasaw culture and history.

"We hope to provide encouragement and support to authors and scholars interested in Chickasaw heritage," said Gov. Anoatubby. "By providing an outlet for their work, awards for outstanding achievements and a resource to assist in research efforts, we believe we can do a great deal to inspire authors and expand the scope of knowledge of our tribe's history, heritage and culture."

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Boarding school reunion set for June; era saw Chickasaw culture survive

A boarding school reunion tentatively scheduled for June, 2007 will be celebrate the survival of the Chickasaw culture and language through the boarding school era.



Experiences of Chickasaw boarding school students were in many ways different than those of children from most other tribes.

Many American Indian children attending boarding schools were subjected to a process intended to assimilate them into white society.

The primary purpose of this type of education was to force Indian children to fit into a European image of what it meant to be "civilized."

English language and culture were favored, while Native languages were discouraged or prohibited.

Missionaries and federal government officials involved in establishing boarding schools for Chickasaws had similar goals.

Many Chickasaw students, however, were able to reap educational benefits with comparatively fewer problems than children of other tribes.

In "Listening to Our Grandmother' Stories: The Bloomfield Academy for Chickasaw Females 1852-1949," Dr. Amanda Cobb-Greetham wrote that culture and historical circumstances played a role in the experience of Chickasaw students.

Because Chickasaws had a long history of adopting others into the tribe, a unique relationship developed with English traders in the early 1700s.

English traders who married Chickasaw women became members of the tribe and ad-

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December 15, 2006

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Scott Colbert called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

Invocation

Ms. Green gave the invocation.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs (Late arrival, 9:09 a.m.), Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Members absent: Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: James A. Humes, Paula Woods, Sue Simmons, Traile G. Glory, Kevin Daniel, Katie Case, Wilma Watson, Mike Watson, Wayne Scribner, Kerri McDonald

AGENDA ITEM #3 READING OF MINUTES - November 17, 2006

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Ms. Green to approve the November 17, 2006 minutes.

Chairperson Scott Colbert announced that Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott would serve as Secretary Pro Tempore for this session, in the absence of Ms. Briggs.

A roll call was taken to approve the November 17, 2006 minutes.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

9 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of November 17, 2006 carried unanimously.

Chairperson Scott Colbert announced that Ms. Briggs was present and would serve as the Secretary.

AGENDA ITEM #4: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #5: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods

Permanent Resolution Number PR24-003, Amendments to Title 3, Chapter 2 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Beverage Control Act)

This resolution amends relevant sections of Title 3, Chapter 2 of the Chickasaw Nation Code codified therein as the "Beverage Control Act of 2007." The amended Beverage Control Act will meet all the current needs of the Chickasaw Nation and will satisfy all federal requirements.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Blackwood Scott to approve PR24-003.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

9 yes votes

Member voting no: Judy Goforth Parker

1 no vote

The motion to approve PR24-003 carried.

Mr. Woods concluded his report.

(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Holly Easterling

No report.

(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus

No report.

(D) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Judy Goforth Parker

General Resolution Number 24-021, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, described as containing 4.44 acres, more or less, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. The property is located in Ada, Oklahoma and would be used for the Douglas H. Johnston Building expansion.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott to approve GR24-021.

Ms. Alexander stated she was not present at the meeting held earlier that morning to hear the information given, therefore, she would abstain from the vote.

Members voting yes: Linda Briggs, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

9 yes votes

Member abstaining:

Beth Alexander

1 abstention

The motion to approve GR24-021 carried.

General Resolution Number 24-022, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire three tracts of property in Pontotoc County. The first tract contains 160.42 acres, the second tract contains 112.10acres, and the third tract contains 5.99 acres, for a total of 278.51 acres. The property adjoins the Kullihoma Reserve and will be used for its expansion.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Ms. Blackwood Scott to approve GR24-022.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

10 yes votes

The motion to approve GR24-022 carried unanimously.

Dr. Goforth Parker concluded her report.

(E) EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Wanda Blackwood Scott

No report.

(F) HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Mary Jo Green

No report.

(G) HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Linda Briggs

No report.

(H) COURT DEVELOPMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Tim Colbert

Mr. Woods gave the committee report in the absence of the committee chair.

Permanent Resolution Number 24-002, Amendments to Title 5, Chapter 1, Article C, Section 5-103.18 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Fees)

This resolution amends the fees listed in Subsection 5-103.18.A to accurately reflect amendments made to Subsection 5-103.18.D in Permanent Resolution 23-007.

A motion was made by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Green to approve PR24-002.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

10 yes votes

The motion to approve PR24-002 carried unanimously.

Mr. Woods concluded his report.

*See **Minutes,** page 28*

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Chickasaws survived federal whipsaw through dedication to each other

By BILL ANOATUBBY
Governor
Chickasaw Nation

For generations the federal government's Indian policy was, at best, fluid. As administrations and bureaucracies changed, federal policy relating to Indian tribes and Indian people bounced among extremes.

A major theme of 19th and early 20th century federal Indian policy was that it possessed little in the way of understanding or compassion, in even the smallest sense.

Although the sovereignty of tribal nations was clearly recognized by the U.S. Constitution, by the 19th century infringements of that sovereignty and intrusions onto Indian land were occurring at an escalating pace.

The Southeastern tribes soon felt pressure from the federal government to move out of their traditional homelands and cede those lands to the federal government. Mounting pressure was put upon the tribes in the southeast by the growing United States, which was moving further and further west each year. As they moved from the crowded coastal areas of the United States, those westward-moving pioneer settlers desired the massive amounts of land that the tribes occupied. States like Georgia and Mississippi were also getting involved. The state of Mississippi, by 1830, had unilaterally nullified Chickasaw tribal law and had forbidden tribal leaders from fulfilling the duties of their offices.

Even as the Removal period had begun, many Indian tribes believed they had held back the wave that was overtaking them. The tribes won a victory in the U.S. Supreme Court when the court ruled that the federal government did not have the right to require Indian people to move off their lands. The court, properly, cited the sovereign standing of the tribes.

Andrew Jackson, president of the U.S. at the time, took the position that the court could rule as it liked, but he was going to proceed with his plan. So, against an order from the highest court, removal to Indian Territory took place, often at bayonet-point.

Although this was a tremendous miscarriage of justice, the Chickasaws, being an adaptable and pragmatic tribe, were very aware of the forces that were working against them. They negotiated a somewhat better outcome than had other tribes, although removal continued all the same. In February of 1887, the U.S. Congress granted citizenship status to Chickasaws and Choctaws who completed the allotment process.

Gov. Bill Anoatubby

By the early 1890s, the Dawes Commission had been established to carry out the allotment process. The result of the allotment period was the breakup of the new tribal lands, which had previously been guaranteed as ours for all time.

By the early 1900s, the federal government was clearly and openly on a course to terminate Indian tribal governments. The aim was to eliminate our connection to our traditions, to our heritage and to each other, to end tribal governments, offices and courts.

By the 1930s and the advent of the Roosevelt administration, the tide changed once again. During the 1930s, the New Deal proponents offered support to Indian tribes and developed programs that would help with Indian self-sufficiency. For that time period, our sovereignty was once again openly recognized.

However, by the 1950s the federal government had adopted an assimilation policy, and in some instances, it advocated for the absolute and total termination of tribes.

With the election of President John F. Kennedy in 1960, the modern era began. Recognition of tribal sovereignty, and of the fundamental importance of allowing Indian tribes to function as the historic entities they were, entered federal policy. Under President Richard M. Nixon, federal efforts accelerated in the proper direction and elimination attempts by the government became a thing of the past. President Nixon strongly supported the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (Public Law 93-638), which is the precursor to the current self-governance federal Indian policy.

What the federal government realized, after more than 150 years of wavering policy, was that Indian tribes were best equipped to provide for their own people and their own communities. The realization that Indian tribes are a unique and wonderful part of the American landscape seems so obvious to us. For generations, it was not a fact that many could not comprehend at all.

We have conquered much, and we owe much to the Chickasaw people who have come before us. Through all the challenges we have faced, we have never forgotten that no matter what obstacles may be placed in our path, we are one people dedicated to each other.

KADA, KYKC award winners

Tribally-owned Ada radio stations KADA-FM and KYKC-FM will be recognized for their work the Oklahoma Association of Broadcasters meets later this month. The highly coveted Outstanding Achievement Awards are presented each year to select group of stations for excellence in specific fields of the industry.

KADA-FM will be receiving its award for a 30 – second announcement promoting the stations severe weather coverage. KYKC's award is for a live "spot news" broadcast; the broadcast covered a fatal car wreck outside of Ada in June that resulted in downed electric lines and power outages. Both entries were written and produced by station General Manager Roger Harris.

Harris said the awards are considered the "Oscars" for the broadcast industry. The awards won by the stations are two our of a total of only 12 given for the entire state of Oklahoma out of the Oklahoma City metro. KADA and KYKC were the only stations in the local market that won awards.

KADA-FM broadcasts on 99.3 FM and plays a "soft rock" format, while KYKC can be heard on 100.1 FM and plays a country music format.

KADA has been owned by the tribe for 10 years, and KYKC was purchased in 2005.

It's 'Art Month' at the Chickasaw Nation!

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Arts and Humanities invites you to join in celebrating National Youth Arts Month.

National Youth Arts Month is celebrated annually in March. It emphasizes the value of art education for all children and encourages support for quality school art programs. The month-long observance provides a forum for acknowledging skills that are fostered through experience in the arts.

"Art empowers people," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "Those who experience art break down the barriers of stereotypes and share culture, wisdom and a respect for diversity among all peoples."

With a myriad of activities and events scheduled in observance and support of Youth Arts Month, the entire division works year-round to create, develop and implement programs and services that provide opportunities for creative self-expression.

Some of the planned events include:

• Daily art lessons are posted to the tribal web site by the Department of Humanities and Literary Arts in partnership with the Department of Graphic Arts.

• Exhibits showcasing efforts of After School Art Program (ASAP) students, are scheduled from 3:30 to 5:30 and include the Purcell Area Office on March 2 and Ardmore Area Office on March 9.

• An exhibit honoring all ASAP student efforts will be March 30 at the Chickasaw Nation Ada Community Center.

• The Chickasaw Children's Choir will b present a featured performance March 6 at the Youth Arts Month Capitol Opening Day presented by CreateOK - Oklahoma Arts Education.

• The Performing Arts Department will perform at the Connecting to American Indian Learners Conference March 10 at the University of Central Oklahoma, Followup performances will be presented at Camp Hayaka Unta in Davis on March 16, and to the Leadership Oklahoma Class on March 30 at Kullihoma.

"National Youth Arts Month provides a wonderful opportunity to showcase the importance of the arts in our lives," Lona Barrick, Arts and Humanities Division administrator, said. "We believe art education enlivens our schools, opens our children's minds and awakens their senses to the human experience."

The division seeks to enrich the heritage of the Chickasaw Nation and its citizens by creating and developing awareness, understanding and enjoyment of Chickasaw visual, performing, graphic and literary arts and the humanities.

Last year's Youth Arts Month efforts earned the tribe an award for outstanding organizational support for the state of Oklahoma from the Karen Kirkpatrick Foundation.

Please take a moment to enjoy the efforts and observances celebrating National Youth Arts Month.

For more information, please contact Julie Burwell, special projects director, or Kelley Isom, humanities and literary arts coordinator, at (580) 272-5520 or Laura Morrison, arts in education manager, at (580) 332-1092.

Chickasaw M.D. joining staff; refill center very busy

Mary Jo Green
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District and Committee Chair of the Health Care Committee! It's beginning to feel like Spring time in Oklahoma!

In our monthly committee meeting, Health System Administrator Bill Lance told us that we will be welcoming Kent Denson, M.D., on March 5. Dr. Denson will be our third Chickasaw doctor on staff. Dr. Tina Cooper and dentist Dr. Paula VanBuskirk are also Chickasaw. Dr. Denson will be seeing patients in the Emergency Room and Same Day Clinic. Also joining the staff in March will be Teresa Coon, PA-C, Physician Assistant, who will see patients in the Same Day Clinic.

We also have two other doctors coming in July: Jasmine Gaddy, M.D., internal medicine, and Daniel Molina, M.D., family practice physician. The new doctors and Physician Assistant will certainly help ease the burden of the overworked doctors in our Health System. The Health System is seeing many more patients than the facilities were planned for.

I've had calls regarding the fact that some patients have had to go inside the prescription refill center to get their medications instead of the drive-thru. The reason is that the pharmacist must give a consultation for new prescriptions. The consultation will provide information such as how to take the medications, when to take the medications and possible side effects. Refills can be picked up two days after calling in, instead of the current 3-5 days, at the drive-thru window.

Notice that the time for waiting has been significantly reduced. It is important that the seniors over 65 and disabled who are on Medicare take Part D. You can live anywhere in the United States to use our prescription refill service.

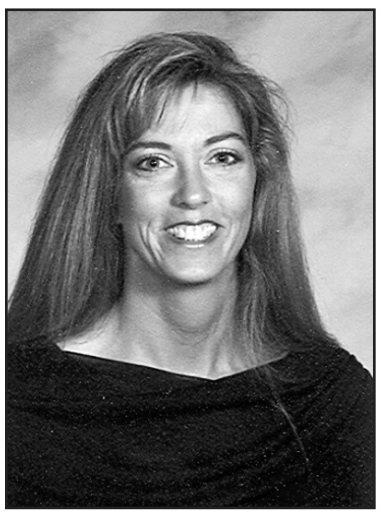
Administrator Bill Lance submits the following statistics: In the month of January, 2007, there were 230 hospitalizations at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. The number of outpatient visits at Carl Albert was 13,692. December Emergency Room visits were 983. December saw 254 surgeries and the Same-day Clinic saw 2,236 patients.

The Family Practice Clinic in Ada saw 4,461 patients in December. The Ardmore Clinic saw 3,415 patients and the Tishomingo Clinic saw 2,257. The Durant Clinic saw 2,578 patients and the Purcell Clinic saw 1,563 in December.

May God bless each of you readers and the Chickasaw Nation. I would love to hear from you!

Please contact me through my email address mary.green@chickasaw.net or through the address and telephone number listed elsewhere in this and every issue of the Chickasaw Times and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. My articles are also located on the web site. Until next month, thank you.

Don't forget importance of community councils



Beth Alexander
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

It's always amazing to me how frequently you run into Chickasaw people. Recently, my mother and I were spending a Saturday afternoon at a Texas hospital. When the nurse walked in, I was sharing with mom the latest news of the Chickasaw Nation. The nurse asked where I worked and I told her I was an elected official for the Chickasaw Nation. She said she was also Chickasaw and was very thankful to the Education Department for assisting her in getting her Nursing Degree. Her two sisters also received financial assistance and became school teachers. We had a terrific visit and discussed our common heritage and ancestors. Her grandmother resides in the Ardmore area.

Another part of the hospital stay that was interesting was meeting the next shift nurse. Having heard our story from the previous nurse, she informed us she was of Cherokee decent and as a child spent 4 years in an Indian boarding school around the Oklahoma City area. She was later able to adopt her 11 siblings and raise them as an intact family. She reminisced about her grandmother and the stories her grandmother shared with all the family. One of the last statements the nurse made before going on with her nursing duties was, "There is something about Indian people - a closeness - a joy of family and a bonding. Others just don't understand."

This story illustrates something I want to talk to you about this month - the importance of community councils. This past month I attended the Council of Councils in Ada. Most of the local community councils had representatives there.

It was nice to see Lynn Stumblingbear of the Kansas council and meet Sherri Rose of Duncan Community Council. I would hope, that in the future, ***all*** community councils could have representatives in attendance at the Council of Councils meeting. Let me give you my opinion on the importance of becoming involved in a community council or starting one in your area.

First and foremost, it gives you a chance to meet and fellowship with other Chickasaw citizens. Remember, we all are connected by a common heritage. Councils can also provide citizens with a place to gain information on the programs and services that the Tribe can provide for you and your family.

Another good reason to be involved is to meet and talk with your elected officials. This gives you a chance to ask questions and learn more about how ***your*** Chickasaw Government works. If you do not attend a community council, let me encourage you to locate one near you. Every month the Chickasaw Times lists the current community councils and contact information. If you would like to know how to begin a community council in your area, contact Sharon Nelson at (508) 371-2040 or contact me, Beth Alexander at (580) 283-3409 or email at bethalexander22@hotmail.com . I will be glad to help you get a council started in your area.

A quick update on the Neurocare system. If you would be interested in using the system or learning more about it, please contact me. I am hearing from several citizens who are experiencing difficulties with diabetes and are interested in trying alternatives before resorting to amputation. The Neurocare System can be used to help treat the complications of Diabetes, such as neuropathy. To learn more about this system, see www.neurocare.com or call (877) 571-3599. You can also review my previous articles. My goal is to make these machines available for all Chickasaw people.

Remember the importance of community and since I have yet to hear from Chickasaws from all 50 states and overseas...call me!

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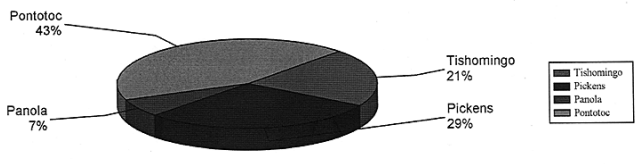
Count of Voters by District

Tishomingo	4,419	Panola	1,385
Pickens	6,175	Pontotoc	9,117
		Total	21,096



Open house hosted by Colbert first Wednesdays at Tishomingo Clinic

D. Scott Colbert
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Legislator Scott Colbert will have an open office for Legislative business at the Tishomingo Clinic between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month. Please make appointments at (580) 622-3218. You may also call on the first Wednesday of every month at (580) 421-3425.

Feel free to contact Colbert if you have any questions.

Committee work paves the way for getting things done

Dr. Judy Goforth Parker
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

As you know, the Legislature conducts two meetings each month where the public may attend and observe the business of the Tribal Legislature. But you may not know that the Legislature also meets on other days to prepare for those public meetings.

We Legislators each have committee assignments where we meet in smaller groups, committees, in order to research and discuss issues and pending legislation in an effective and efficient manner. The nature of our business is that we consider a lot of information, some of which is confidential in nature; therefore, our committee meetings are necessarily conducted in private. We Legislators take our positions of public trust very seriously and we spend a number of hours and even days each month outside the public eye in order that we might make the correct informed decisions on all matters that come before us.

I am honored to be the Committee Chair of the Land Development Committee and also sit as a Committee Member on the Legislative, Finance, Election Rules and Regulations Ad Hoc, Court Development Ad Hoc, Ethics Ad Hoc and Special Advisory Ad Hoc Committees. Quite often, my duties require me to attend meetings at Headquarters, in the Governor's office, at Carl Albert Hospital, in the Legislative building, touring facilities or potential building sites, or on the telephone/computer. I thought that you might find it interesting this month to attend a mock meeting of the Land Development Committee here in my news article:

Committee Chair: I call this meeting of the Land Development Committee to order and ask the Recording Secretary to call the roll.

The Recording Secretary calls the roll and declares a quorum to be present.

Committee Chair: Next agenda item is the minutes of February 5, 2007.

A Committee Member would move that the minutes be approved as presented. Another Committee Member would second the motion and a vote would be taken to approve the minutes.

Committee Chair: Next agenda item is "Old Business." There being none, the next agenda item is "New Business." We have for our consideration resolution number GR24-004, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Garvin County. I will read the resolution beginning with the third "Whereas:" "WHEREAS, the Land Development Committee recommends the acquisition of real property, in Paoli, Garvin County, Oklahoma, described as: A tract of land in the N/2 NW/4 NE/4 of Section 16, Township 4 North, Range 1 West, I.B.M., Garvin County, OK, containing approximately 10 acres, more or less, together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby authorizes and approves the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, or his designee, to negotiate the acquisition and conclude a Contract for the above described tract of land. Such contract shall be for a price not to exceed the Market Value Price, in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of the Chickasaw Nation and those Rules and Regulations of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the United States Department of the Interior, as they may apply to such acquisition. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous."

A Committee Member would move the Committee to place the resolution on the agenda for the February legislative session. Another Committee Member would second the motion.

Committee Chair: It has been moved and seconded that we place resolution number GR24-004 on the agenda for the February session. Any discussion?

There would follow a discussion of the resolution and a question/answer session with either a member(s) of the Executive Department, or a representative(s) of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The Committee Members would be able to get all their questions answered or prepare a list of questions to be answered before the Legislative session. In certain instances, arrangements are made for Legislators to tour the subject property or for follow up meetings to share further information.

Committee Chair: There being no further discussion, I call for a roll call vote on the motion to place resolution number GR24-004 on the agenda for the February legislative session.

The Recording Secretary would make a roll call vote and announce the results to the Committee Chair.

Committee Chair: The motion passed and resolution number GR24-004 will be on the agenda for the February legislative session. There being no more business before the Committee, I declare this meeting to be adjourned.

Again I will tell you that it is an honor and a privilege to represent you on the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature. I always remember that I serve at your pleasure and I welcome any comments that you may have. Please contact me at the telephone numbers listed elsewhere in this issue of the Chickasaw Times or by email at judy.parker@chickasaw.net. May God bless you.

New hospital will reduce waiting times

Linda Briggs
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Hello Everyone!

The other day I heard a precious two-year old in my life singing "sweet nightingale, sweet nightingales" (It took me a few minutes to figure out exactly what she was saying!) and I thought that even the babies know that Spring is on the way! Following some really not-so-pleasant icy winter weather, we are enjoying a few days in the 70's and it definitely is a mood elevator - everyone seems in a happy frame of mind. So nice!

In the Chickasaw Nation it is never hard to find something to put one in pleasant mood. So much seems always to be going on at all times. So much for which to be thankful! A victim of glaucoma I recently got to experience the use of the new piece of high-tech equipment in the Eye Clinic. The doctors there were positively exuberant over the equipment and I was impressed with the information revealed by the equipment, which gives so much more information for the path of treatment. Our entire system of healthcare is very progressive and hearing of the plans for the new hospital as they are decided upon is great. We are so on "overload" with our present facilities and the waiting times for appointments we sometimes have to experience because of that overload will one day in the not too distant future become a "thing of the past." It will take a little while to build the new facility but it is on the way and being eagerly anticipated.

The new pharmacy is in operation and working really well with the disbursement of medications. I used the drive-through window there the other day and it was so fast and efficient! Accolades to all those people attached to it that has worked so hard to achieve its level of service.

Tucked in a "corner" of the Nation is a great community council – at Enos – and a recent visit to one of their meetings was mot enjoyable. It was very well planned and well attended. They also served a really delicious pie (which might be one of their secrets for success!). A new facility for their use will soon be completed. The Oklahoma City community council is also moving into a well-deserved new facility. They, too, have been very diligent and creative with planned activities for their council. Those people who give their time, energy and talent to help the council meetings be successful are to be commended.

As we round the corner toward summer and "candidates, campaigning, election" time, the Election Rules and Regulations committee is putting in long hours in an effort to streamline the guidelines. We learn from every single election and we have come so far with the levels of professionalism achieved in that area.

The Junior Livestock Shows are under way and I represent the Nation in some of those. One of the most enjoyable things I get to do! And I cannot tell you how much I have learned!! (I did not grow up on a farm so you can imagine!).

I wish for all of you enjoyable days, good health and God's blessings!

Linda Briggs

Citizens At Large Help Number

For information on services or help with questions, call toll-free 1-866-466-1481.

Technology, tutoring assistance available to students

Wanda Blackwood Tippit Scott
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

As chairman of the Education Committee, I have the privilege of receiving the reports on all the initiatives we have under way to assist our students. We have come to the point where a student can achieve virtually anything he or she wants to achieve, and the tribe will be there to extend the helping hand.

One area of emphasis which probably doesn't receive much publicity is our career technology and training development program. This education initiative targets students who are engaged in vocational or trade education, as well as specialty camps and informational programs.

Our tribal Department of Education is currently working with the Indian Health Service Area Office on a program which will assist students in applying for IHS scholarships. Additionally, we are working with East Central University in Ada to establish federal financial aid workshops for students and parents.

Applications for scholarships and assistance can be challenging and many students and parents could use these programs to become knowledgeable on the process.

Discussions are also under way at East Central to conduct a technology camp on the campus. A camp focusing on our ever-changing technology would be an excellent addition to our current camp menu.

For students both inside and outside Chickasaw Nation geographic boundaries, tutoring assistance is now available. Public school students, no matter where they live, are now able to access this important program. Individual tutoring has proved to be a very effective means of catching a student up to grade level, and to adding depth to the understanding of subject matter.

Congratulations to Kyler Rogers! Kyler is a Chickasaw sixth-grader at Shawnee Middle School, Shawnee, Okla., and was named the outstanding award winner of the Chickasaw Honor Club. Kyler excels in art and recently won awards in an art show for his loom beadwork and legend.

Kyler is the son of Robert and Kathy Rogers.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee
Present: Holly Easterling, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Steve Woods
Absent: Linda Briggs, Scott Colbert

Legislative Committee
February 8, 2007
Present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Worez, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert
Absent: Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman, Judy Goforth Parker

Human Resources Committee
February 8, 2007
Present: Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, David Worez, Scott Colbert
Absent: Donna Hartman

Election Rules & Regulations AD HOC Committee
February 5, 2007
Present: Steve Woods, Beth Alexander, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Scott Colbert
Absent: Tim Colbert

Tribal Historic & Cultural Preservation Committee
February 5, 2007
Present: Linda Briggs, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott
Absent: Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman, Scott Colbert

Education Committee
February 5, 2007
Present: Wanda Blackwood Scott, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, David Worez
Absent: Beth Alexander, Scott Colbert

Health Committee
February 5, 2007
Present: Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Wanda Blackwood Scott, Linda Briggs
Absent: Beth Alexander, Tim Colbert, Donna Hartman, Scott Colbert

Land Development Committee
February 5, 2007
Present: Judy Goforth Parker, Beth Alexander, Mary Jo Green, David Worez, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

2006-2007 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

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'Bedre Day' at state capitol

From left, Jin Gentry, Brian Ned, Rep. Lisa Johnson Billy, Samantha Baxter, Rep. Wes Hilliard, Reanna Morgan and Rep. T.W. Shannon pose with the Bedré Day citation read by Rep. Hilliard on the floor of the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

Oklahoma State Representatives Lisa Johnson Billy, Raymond McCarter and T.W. Shannon, all Chickasaws, were among dozens of state legislators who enjoyed a special treat during "Bedré Day" at the Oklahoma State Capitol.

Rep. Billy said the event helped legislators understand that tribes have a positive economic impact in the state.

Dozens more staffers, pages and capitol employees crowded into the third floor lounge to sample the chocolate-covered chips, candy bars and meltaways.

Rep. Wes Hilliard represents Oklahoma House District 22, which includes the Bedré factory in Pauls Valley.

Rep. Hilliard said he arranged the event to showcase the variety of tribal businesses in the state.

Rep. Hilliard read a citation on the House floor announcing "Bedré Day" at the capitol. He also recognized Bedré employees Reanna Morgan, Jin Gentry, Brian Ned and Samantha Baxter, who catered to visitors and answered questions during the event.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Aging Council recognizes Pat Woods; Honor Guard is outstanding!

Dean McManus
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Dear Chickasaw Friends. Hello, how are you? I hope this finds you well. It has been a long time since I've put pen to paper and I have missed talking to you. But this is a new year and my hopes and prayers are for a happy and prosperous year for us all and the Chickasaw Nation.

As your representative to the National Indian Council on Aging (NICOA), I report to you that our 30th anniversary was a total success! Vans, buses, cars and planes brought NICOA members, caregivers, Title VI staff and other professionals from across the Aging network to Tulsa, Oklahoma, in mid-September to honor and celebrate NICOA's 30 years of advocacy and service to American Indian and Alaska Native elders. With 1,830 attendees, the 30th Anniversary Celebration held on September 16 - 19 at the Tulsa Convention Center was one of the largest conferences in the organization's history. All 12 Areas were represented with 90 Indian tribes in attendance.

We send our sincere appreciation to the Oklahoma Indian Council on Aging's Title VI programs and the NICOA staff for their untiring efforts to make this conference a success. We specifically want to thank our own Chickasaw Honor Guard for the outstanding job in the opening ceremonies. And, thank you, Honor Guard President Bernie Seeley, for coordinating all the different tribes' honor guards into a cohesive unit for the ceremonies!

The honoring luncheon on Sunday was the highlight of the conference showcasing all those who have been instrumental in NICOA's history and development. Our own Pat Woods was

Pat Woods

honored for her untiring efforts in advocating for our elder Indian people. She is one of the founding members who saw the need and helped design and implement NICOA.

I have heard nothing but raves about the fashion show. And who planned and presented this beautiful program? None other than Chickasaw Nation Administrator for Senior Services, Karen Cook and her ingenious staff. Thank you, ladies! You really made me look good as the fashion show was my responsibility!

You will be excited to know that the Board has already chosen the site for the 2008 Conference, God willing. The Portland Area will be hosting our next conference in Tacoma, Washington, at the Greater Tacoma Convention and Trade Center.

Chickasaw Honor Guard members are, front row from left, Jimmy James, Roy Worcester, Soloman Gantt and Lura Mullican. Back row from left, Will Johnson, Mike Reed, Matt Barnoski, Bernie Seeley and Jim Perry.

I hope you feel as much pride as I do for the contributions made by Chickasaw Nation representatives and employees to the 30th Anniversary Conference of NICOA. Our influence is being felt throughout Indian country, which is as it should be. We Chickasaws continue to be leaders for all Indian people.

If you have questions or comments, please email me through dean.mcmanus@chickasaw.net or contact me through the address or telephone numbers listed elsewhere in this and every issue of the Chickasaw Times. Happiness is people like you!

God Bless

Dean McManus, Pontotoc District Seat 4

Chickasaw writer, historian donates volumes to cultural center

D. Scott Colbert
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

A couple of years ago I was contacted by a Chickasaw living in Idaho whom I have come to know as FULSOM CHARLES SCRIVNER. I have had the opportunity to meet him and spend time with him. He is a Chickasaw, born in Sulphur, Oklahoma, in 1910 (97 years ago) when my grandparents were but small children. A year when the first zeppelin flew, when "Paul Bunyan" was published, a year when Theodore Roosevelt just ended his presidency, and a time when many Chickasaw knew first hand of the not too distant past when warriors were free to hunt and women cared for their families in the Chickasaw way. "His mother a Chickasaw and his father a German – he was raised in Oklahoma and attended a Franciscan boarding school, Chilocco Government Indian School and public schools." His early years as a growing child were spent in Sulphur, Mill Creek, Ardmore and the surrounding area.

After my initial contact with Mr. Scrivner, I discovered he was an author. I soon read and enjoyed one of his books, "The Beautiful Paiute Girl" (1996), and prepared to read one of his earlier books, "Mohave People" (1970).

Shortly thereafter, I received a new 2005 published book written by this Chickasaw warrior who was practically a centurion.

"The Early Chickasaws: Profile of Courage," completed in 2005 by Fulsom Charles Scrivner at the age of 95 years, "chronicles one of the darkest hours in American history…

…In vivid detail he describes the tidal wave of European settlers who pushed the first Americans, Native Americans, out of their villages and hunting grounds in the east and the Mississippi Valley into the Great Plains and the west.

His portrait of the Chickasaws is a broad canvas of a handsome, valiant, dependable, and industrious people. Mr. Scrivner fears that the United States government's unjust treatment of the First Americans has put America 150 years behind in its social development.

Fulsom Charles Scrivner has worked as a missionary and as a school superintendent. "He has written on the scholastic problems of American Indian students and is also the author of 'The Golden Cities of Cibola,' a children's story of the early Chickasaws." His education includes "a master's degree in School Administration and Native American Culture from Oklahoma University; the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico; and Pasadena College, Pasadena, California."

He and his wife Fern Genevieve, a retired school teacher, make their home in Idaho.

I present this article as a tribute to a gentlemen, a scholar, and a Chickasaw elder who I am proud to know. Shortly after I became interested in Mr. Scrivner as a most respected Chickasaw elder, my good friend and Chickasaw historian Richard Green published a review of the book in the April 2006 Edition of *the Chickasaw Times*.

Like those Chickasaws photographed by David G. Fitzgerald in "Chickasaw, Unconquered and Unconquerable," and all our elders, Fulsom Charles Scrivner is Chickasaw history.

I encourage every Chickasaw to read and enjoy Mr. Scrivner's books and every publication and book written or about the Chickasaw.

Also, remember what Angie Debo has said of Chickasaw belief, "there is strength in unity."

Last week, Fulsom Charles Scrivner sent to me a large box of some books and publications he has collected over the years. He asks that I make these books available in the new culture center. Included are: Inquiry into Anthropology (H.Leon Abrams, Jr.), The Vanishing American (Brian W. Dippie), The Cherokee Nation, (Marion L. Starkey), Too Far North...Too Far South, (Odie B. Faulk), Where White Men Fear to Tread (Russell Means with Marvin J. Wolf), Paths of the Padres through Sonora (Paul M. Roca), The Southern Indians (R.S. Cotterill), Heirs of the Promise (Sheldon Emry), Prehistoric Indians of the Southwest (3) (H.M. Wormington), Survey of American History (Leland D. Baldwin), Wounded Knee and The Ghost Dance Tragedy (Jack Utter), New Micixo's Troubled Years (Calvin Horn), Challenge (Robert F. Karolevits), The Ten Grandmothers (Alice Marriott), Indians of North America (Harold E. Driver), History of Mankind (Prehistory) (Jacquetta Hawkes), Ancient Man in North American (H.M. Wormington), The Natchez Trace (Dawson A. Phelps), The Chronicles of Oklahoma (2), Arizona and the West (2), The Land of Poco Tiempo (Charles F. Lummis), Education for Extinction (David Wallace Adams), Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee (Dee Brown), Welcome to the land of the Navajo, The Cocpah People (Anita Alvarez de Williams)

February 2007 Resolutions

General Resolution Number 24-017

Approval of Application for Funding – Administration for Native Americans

Social and Economic Development Strategies

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application for funding to the Administration for Native Americans for the researching, planning and establishment of family resource services for the Chickasaw Nation through the Social and Economic Development Strategies grant. The application requests federal funding in the amount of up to $500,000.00 per year for up to three years. The tribe's required 20% match will be provided through non-federal in-kind and tribal funds.

Requested by: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented by: Dean McManus, Committee Chair Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 24-018

Seismic Permit in Garvin County

Explanation: This resolution approves seismic permit number 11163 in favor of Eagle Land and Minerals Company, 222 E. Sheridan Avenue Ste. 6, Oklahoma City, OK 73104, for a seismic permit across three (3) properties belonging to the Chickasaw Nation for an access fee of $7.00 per acre for a total of $97.44, of which the Chickasaw Nation will receive $97.44, for a term commencing on August 2, 2006 (the "Effective Date"), regardless of the actual date of execution, and shall terminate on or before December 31, 2007, if the Grantee fails to commence seismic operations.

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented By: Judy Goforth Parker, Committee Chair Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

General Resolution Number 24-019

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Pontotoc County

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property, described as follows: A part of Lot 32, Sunnyside Acres Subdivision of Block 13, 14, 15,

and 16 of Arlington Addition, Ada, Oklahoma, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Southwest corner of said Lot 32; thence North a distance of 140 feet; thence East a distance of 150 feet; thence South a distance of 140 feet; thence West a distance

of 150 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.482 acres, more or less.

Property Location: 900 North Mississippi, Ada, Oklahoma

Use: Additional Office Space for Chickasaw Nation Employees

Requested By: Bill Anoatubby, Governor

Presented By: Judy Goforth Parker, Committee Chair Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Linda Briggs, Katie

*See **Resolutions,** page 31*

Reserves for capital projects reflect long-term building plan

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and the tribe's BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Chickasaw Enterprises. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of the tribal operation, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Businesses revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes, sales revenue at convenience, travel plazas and tobacco stores, rent and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the election commission, maintenance and operations of tribal property, *Chickasaw Times* and governor's and lt. governor's offices. Expenditure for education includes education scholarship as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include senior citizens sites, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Depreciation has not been computed on the Fixed Assets of the governmental funds for the current year. Depreciation will be computed after year end in connection with the audit.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending January 31, 2007

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled $27.5 million year-to-date. Expenditures for the month were $4.6 million and $13.3 year-to-date. There has been a total, beginning in fiscal year 2005, of $82.5 million transferred from the businesses that were reserved for capital projects.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes for January totaled $50 million and $207 million year-to-date. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was $16 million for the month and $63 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was $22 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At January 31, 2007, the tribal government funds had $65 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, $10.2 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had $109 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

As of January 31, 2007, tribe operations, excluding federal program funding, had assets totaling $653 million with $132 million in payables resulting in net assets of $521 million compared to $509 million at the end of the 1st quarter of fiscal year 2007 or an increase of $12 million over the first quarter of the fiscal year.

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Four Months Ended January 31, 2007

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	$	1,433,324	207,480,544	208,913,868
Transfers from businesses to tribal government		27,503,724	(27,503,724)	-
Total funds available		28,937,048	179,976,820	208,913,868
Expenditures				
General government		2,186,843		2,186,843
Legislature		411,468		411,468
Judiciary		170,338		170,338
Education		2,366,709		2,366,709
Heritage Preservation		755,318		755,318
Health		2,604,218		2,604,218
Youth and Family Services		1,976,770		1,976,770
Nutrition Programs		702,600		702,600
Regulatory		848,468		848,468
Assistance Programs		1,376,910		1,376,910
Transfer to Loan Program		-		-
Gaming expense			116,716,091	116,716,091
Other businesses' expense			40,653,214	40,653,214
Total expenditures		13,399,642	157,369,305	170,768,946
Increase in net assets		15,537,406	22,607,515	38,144,921
Beginning net assets		213,042,836	269,825,729	482,868,565
Ending net assets	$	228,580,242	292,433,244	521,013,486

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Net Assets
Janaury 31, 2007

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	$	65,263,153	109,234,499	174,497,652
Receivables		1,005,902	21,650,193	22,656,095
Inventory			5,008,594	5,008,594
Prepaid expenses			6,852,669	6,852,669
Other Assets			17,064,326	17,064,326
Fixed assets		163,990,157	263,628,560	427,618,718
Less payables		(1,678,970)	(131,005,597)	(132,684,567)
Net Assets	$	228,580,242	292,433,244	521,013,486

Boarding School, continued from page 1

opted many Chickasaw ways.

Mixed-blood children and other Chickasaws also began to adopt some elements of European culture.

As more white settlers moved into Chickasaw lands, English literacy became increasingly important in negotiations with traders and with the government of the United States.

Chickasaw leaders recognized the need for education and cooperated with missionaries to establish several schools in the Chickasaw homeland prior to Removal.

Chickasaw leaders provided a majority of the funding for Monroe, Tokshish, Martyn and Caney Creek schools.

These schools taught a curriculum which included religious, domestic, agricultural and academic training.

Skills gained at these schools likely played a significant role in the ability of the Chickasaw Nation to delay Removal and negotiate more favorable terms than other tribes.

"Literacy, for the Chickasaws," wrote Dr. Cobb-Greetham, "was a way to control their own transformation; it was not a practice of freedom but a practice of control – a way to create an acceptable place for themselves in a different world.

"What government officials and missionaries did not understand was the ability of (Chickasaw) tribal members to accept 'American' ways without rejecting their own culture."

Evidence of that was seen in the early missionary schools where many older students taught younger ones.

After Removal, Chickasaw leaders continued to see education and literacy as an important priority.

Funding for the Chickasaw Manual Labor Academy for Boys in 1844 was among the first laws penned by Chickasaws after Removal.

Wapanucka institute for girls, the Bloomfield Academy for Females, Collins Institute (or Colbert), and the Burney Institute for Girls were open by 1859.

Dr. Cobb-Greetham points out that "Indian academies were far superior to any schooling provided for whites in Indian Territory at the time."

The Civil War caused serious disruptions of Chickasaw educational efforts as schools were forced to close and the buildings were used as military barracks and hospitals

Another devastating consequence of the war was the need to construct orphanages.

Before the Civil War there were no orphanages within the Chickasaw Nation, because there were no Chickasaw orphans.

The first orphanage built was The Lebanon Institute, more commonly known as the Lebanon Orphan School. Later, it was known as the Chickasaw Orphan Home and Manual Labor School.

While the new Chickasaw Constitution of 1867 stated that Chickasaw children should be provided a quality education, it took some time to reorganize the school system.

By 1876, however, the Chickasaw Male Academy was in operation and Bloomfield Female Academy was entering what Dr. Cobb-Greetham described as its "golden years."

While these schools were under tribal control, the instruction was still geared toward learning the English language.

The Chickasaw language was technically forbidden, but some of the Chickasaw teachers were less likely to strictly enforce this prohibition than missionary teachers.

With passage of the Curtis Act in 1898 and the move toward statehood in 1906, the Chickasaw Nation lost control of the schools.

Students were sent to government controlled boarding schools such as Carter Seminary, Chilocco Indian School, or Haskell Institute. This gave control over Indian education to the federal government.

The primary goal of the federal government was assimilation, acculturation and "civilization" of the students.

What the federal government had not considered was the ability of the students to adapt to the environment and make the best of it.

Many students not only retained some of their own language and culture, but also learned some of the culture and language of oth-ribes.

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he explained t when her grandfather was a student at Chilocco boarding school, students were assigned roommates from other tribes to prevent them from speaking their Native language.

Rather than let that stop them, her grandfather and his roommates simply learned one another's languages.

"And so my grandpa conversationally, he can speak a little Osage, a little Seminole, a little Cherokee. He took a bad thing and turned it into a good thing."

Many Chickasaws have similar stories.

These stories and other memories, along with photos, memorabilia will be shared during the celebration of the survival of Chickasaw culture and history through the boarding school era.

Chickasaws who have attended boarding schools or have family members who have attended boarding schools are being asked to participate.

Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Photos, information sought

Event set to celebrate language, culture during boarding school era

A celebration of the survival of Chickasaw language and culture through the boarding school era is tentatively scheduled for June 2007.

Event organizers are urging Chickasaws of all ages to participate in this event.

Family members are asked to share the name, school information and years of attendance for any Chickasaw citizens who have attended or are attending tribal or BIA boarding schools.

Organizers are also asking family members to share memories of boarding school experiences as well as any photos of Chickasaws at tribal or BIA boarding schools from all time periods.

Photos will be scanned and returned to the owner.

This information will help in creating a list of Chickasaw boarding school students, a photo gallery of their experiences and a video documentary including interviews with boarding school students of all ages

Please send any relevant information and photos to:

Lori Hamilton
124 East 14th Street
Ada, OK 74820

For more information, call Lori Hamilton or Chenae Casady at (580) 421-7711.

Boarding School Student Information

(Please submit a separate form for each student.)

Name of student: _____
Name of School: _____
Location of School: _____
Dates attended: _____to_____
Number of photos submitted (if any): _____

Contact information – Photos returned to this address:
Name: _____
Street address: _____
Apartment number: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Phone: _____

Location of each photo:

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Names of individuals in each photo (left to right):

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(Please list information for additional photos on a separate page.)

For more information contact Lori Hamilton or Chenae Casady at (580) 421-7711.

Latta senior recognized

Marissa Eaves

Chickasaw senior Marissa Eaves has recently received several awards.

She was named one of the Ada Rotary Students of the Month in November 2006, Ada Elks Lodge Student of the Month in December 2006, and was a member of the Latta (OK) High School Homecoming Royalty court during the Jan. 9, 2007 basketball post-game ceremony following the game against Atoka (OK) High School.

Marissa is the daughter of Russell and Cathy Eaves and the granddaughter of Joe and Linda Medlock and Glen and Bettie Eaves, Ada.

Marissa was selected for the student of the month awards for her grade point average and leadership skills. She played varsity basketball for Latta for three years and is also a member of the Latta Panthers golf team.

Other senior members of the court were Trevan Jimboy, Tosha MacCollister, Mark Ernst and Dakota Roebuck who were recognized in the February 2007 edition.

Beshirs celebrate 60th

Rev. and Mrs. Beshirs

1947 photo

Rev. and Mrs. Joe Beshirs celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on January 31, 2007.

The Beshirs were married January 31, 1947 in Sherman, Texas. The couple now makes their home in Broken Bow, Okla.

Rev. Joe and Olene Beshirs spent more than 50 years in the ministry. Trained at Southwestern Bible Institute in Waxahachie, Texas, the couple served in South Texas, North Texas and Oklahoma districts of the Assemblies of God. Rev. Beshirs enjoys teaching God's Word, and Mrs. Beshirs is always involved in singing and women's ministries.

The Beshirs have been privileged to travel over the past 60 years to 49 states. Their most recent trip was a seven-day cruise to Alaska, which they enjoyed this past summer along with many of their minister friends and spouses.

The couple raised three children, James Beshirs, who is deceased, Sharon Wimberly, who lives in Texas City, Texas with husband Dueward, and Kathy Park, of San Angelo, Texas.

MOCCASIN TRAIL IN YOUR CORNER

By Anona McCullar

Tip of the Month

Weight Loss Tip

It is recommended that you skip a day between strength training sessions to give your muscles a rest.

The Moccasin Trail Program would like to congratulate the following for achieving over the 1,000 mile goal.

Harriet Amerman, Richard Emarthle and Myrtle Fleetwood.

Congrats ladies and gentleman!

Celebrating a return

Family of Staff Sgt. Jakey Dale Eldred, USAF

The family of Jakey Dale Eldred gathered Feb. 11, 2006 to celebrate his short return from military duty.

Mr. Eldred is an E-5/SSgt in the United States Air Force. He is originally from Oklahoma and has been enlisted in the U.S. Air Force for the past 12 years. His family has not seen him in four years.

He was briefly in Oklahoma before leaving for his next tour of duty.

In his 12 years of service he has been stationed at, Tinker OK (1995-1998), Osan AB Korea (1999-2000), Ramstein AB Germany (2000-2003), Kadena AB Okinawa Japan (2003-2007) and is now in route to Rota NST Spain for four years.

The picture above shows a small reflection of his large Chickasaw family and contains four generations.

His family is proud and honored to have him serving our country.

J-school student on Dean's Roll

A Chickasaw journalism student has recently been named to the honor roll at the University of Oklahoma.

Caleb Williams, of Katy, Texas, was named to the Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication Dean's Honor Roll for the Fall semester.

Mr. Williams' parents are David L. and Robin Williams, of Katy. Grandparents are Clifford R. and Nancy Williams, of Ada.

Disability Awareness Day set for March 14

Disability Awareness Day in Ada will benefit the Graduate Rehabilitation Counseling Program.

The event is scheduled for Wednesday, March 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the East Central University Student Activities Center. Guest speakers will be on hand to talk on disability awareness topics.

There will also be disability awareness booths and vendor booths.

Attendees will also enjoy the door prizes and silent auction.

Voc Rehab coat drive produces bundles of warm winter wear

From left, Theea Swinford, Angela Garcia, Rebecca Beninati and Tina Gilmore

ADA - Employees of the Chickasaw Nation Vocational Rehabilitation Department decided to help their fellow citizens by conducting a winter coat drive.

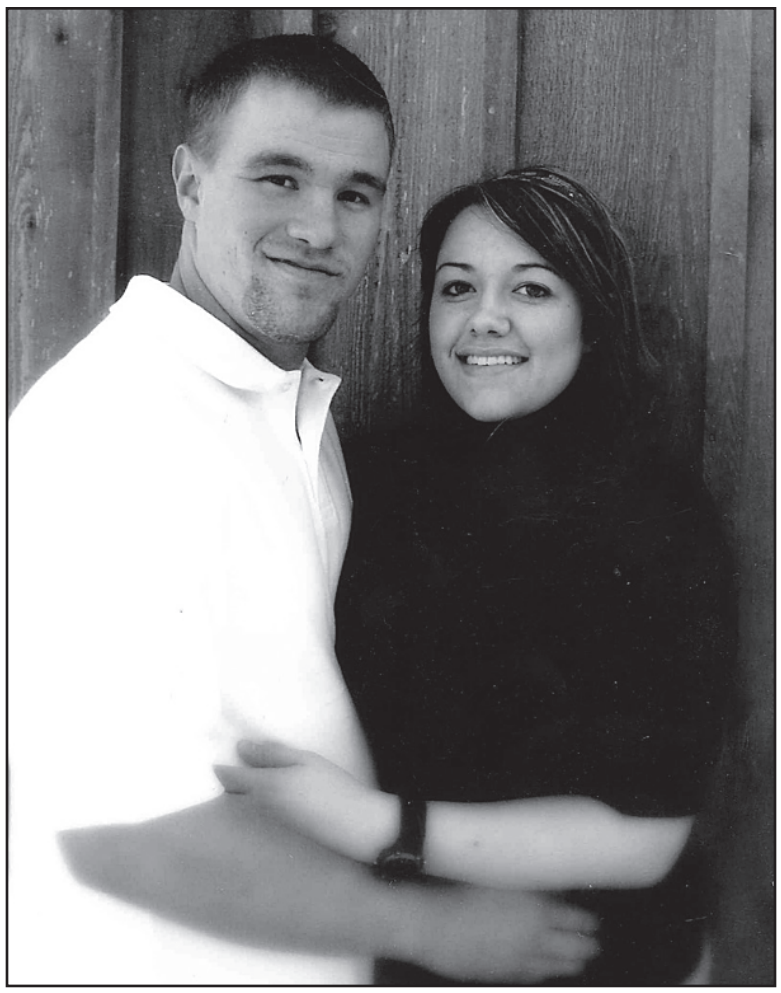
The goal of the drive was to gather as many coats as possible and distribute those to local area agencies, thus ensuring the coats would get to those needing them most.

The employees' reasoning for the drive was simple: no one should be without a coat.

The coat drive ran from January 1 through February 28. Throughout the drive, employees collected a *truckload* of coats and distributed them to the Ada Area Youth Shelter, AACES homeless shelter, Chickasaw Nation Department of Family Advocacy and McCall's Chapel. "It was for a good cause and I feel it benefited many people in our community," employee Theea Swinford said.

The employees send their thanks to everyone who took time out of their life to drop off a coat and make someone else's winter a little warmer.

Sabedra, Walls exchange vows in Comanche



Mr. and Mrs. Dustin Walls

Erica Gean Sabedra and Dustin Adam Walls, both of Norman, Okla., exchanged wedding vows February 10, 2007 in Comanche Okla.

The groom's uncle, Keith Walls, of Owasso, Okla., officiated the ceremony.

Erica is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Miguel Sabedra, of Duncan, Okla.

Dustin is the son of Tommie and Stacy Walls, of Duncan.

The couple will make their home in Norman after a honeymoon trip to Las Vegas.

Artists at Red Earth

Chickasaw artists, from left, Joanna Underwood, Mike Larsen, Daniel Worcester, Jeannie Barbour, Aaron Long, Micah Hart and Kelley Lunsford with Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby during the recent Red Earth Benefit Dinner and Auction at the Oklahoma State Capitol. Mr. Long was not identified correctly in the January 2007 issue of the Chickasaw Times.

Chikashsha Anompa

Chickasaw Language

Hattak ishto	big man
Hattak ishto yamma	that big man
Hattak ishto ma	that big man (short form of yamma)
Ihoo toklo	two women
Ihoo toklo yamma	those two women
Ihoo himitta toklo ma	those two young women
Fani homma	red squirrel
Chomak lawa	a lot of tobacco
Fochosh tohbi ma	that white duck
Chula issikopa	a mean fox
Soba chokma hannali	six good horses
Bissa champoli	sweet berries
Shookola lawa	a lot of sugar
Hina falaa chohmi	sort of long road
Chipota nakni yappa	this boy
Chipota nakni tochchi'na yappa	these three boys

Ada Senior Citizens Gift Shop

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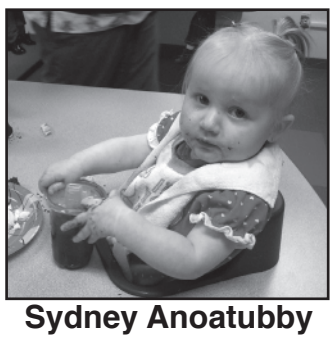
(580) 436-1007

SW jewelry, dream catchers, caps and lots of Chickasaw items. Shop the Ada Senior Citizens Gift Shop for all your gift giving items!

Chickasaw Nation Child Development Center celebrates Valentine's Day

Presley Anoatubby

Children and parents enjoyed a fun filled Valentine afternoon at the child development center making crafts and eating snacks.



Sydney Anoatubby

Hailey Perry

Two-year-old class students Sydney Miller, Molly Rogers and Tamara West.

OKC Council moving to new quarters

The Oklahoma City Metro Chickasaw Community Council has moved to the new location at 4005 NW Expressway, 6th floor in the Lakepointe Towers (east building) in Oklahoma City. Our first meeting there will be Tuesday March 6 at 7:00 p.m. Our speaker will be a representative from the Chickasaw Nation Industries and refreshments will be served.

From Interstate 44 (Lake Hefner Parkway), take the exit for the Northwest Expressway which is also Highway 3 (near Integris Baptist Medical Center). Drive west on the expressway just past NW 63rd Street and enter the parking area on your right. 4005 is the East building. Elevators are located on the west side of the building by the entrance.

At our February monthly meeting, "Uuuuugh, that stinks," was a familiar phrase heard as Lighthorse Officer Dusk Monetathchi passed around the illegal drugs for everyone to smell. He and Officer Case presented a program which had everyone on their feet as Kyia, their drug sniffing dog, searched for some hidden contraband.

Afterward, we all climbed into their specially outfitted Hummer as the lights flashed. We were already proud of our lighthorse police; however, we respect them even more now after learning about their extensive training and education.

Judy Ashley has been teaching a Pine Needle Basket Weaving Class. We all enjoy sitting and visiting while our fingers are busy on this task.

While our supplies and furnishings are in storage, our classes are temporarily taking a break. If you want to sign up for future craft classes contact Vice Chair MaryAnn Lee at 405-341-7874 and call Stormy Bryant at 405-755-6983 about the language classes.

We welcome everyone to our Council meetings and classes at 4005 NW Expressway. Watch our website at www.okc-chickasawcouncil.org for information about meetings, classes and other activities. Contact Secretary Charlotte Hulsey at 405-201-3164 if you need to announce an activity on our website.

For additional information, contact Chair Betty Smith at 405-348-7459.

Perry to lead new tribal Policies and Standards unit

Kirk Perry

Kirk Perry has recently been appointed administrator of the newly developed Division of Policies and Standards for the Chickasaw Nation.

Mr. Perry's responsaibilities as administrator include developing and maintaining a comprehensive library of Chickasaw Nation policies and procedures, researching and analyzing best practices, and developing and implementing policy standardization and uniformity by working with tribal administration and government.

Mr. Perry has been employed with the Chickasaw Nation since 1997 holding various positions including billing clerk, grant writer, director of planning, director of planning and statistics, and administrator of Heritage Preservation.

Mr. Perry holds a degree in general business and mathematics from East Central State College and, before joining the Chickasaw Nation staff, served as a surveyor, inspector, architectural planner, consultant, housing authority executive director, general contractor and business owner.

Mr. Perry is Chickasaw and lives in Ada with his wife Kay. He enjoys bass fishing as well as studying Chickasaw history, culture and genealogy. He has one daughter, Angela, one son, Jason, one daughter-in-law, Hillery, and three grand-children, Samantha, Hailey and Carter.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

Jolley named director of compensation, benefits group

Tena Jolley

Tena Jolley was recently appointed director of benefits and compensation for the Chickasaw Nation Division of Administrative Services. In her new position, Mrs. Jolley will oversee the benefits program and compensation levels for new and current positions within the tribe.

Mrs. Jolley has been employed with the Chickasaw Nation since 1994. Her first 10 years were as a pharmacy technician and administrative assistant at Carl Albert Indian Hospital. She moved to the Administrative Services Division in 2004 serving as a human resources specialist, supervisor and manager before accepting her current position.

In 2002, Mrs. Jolley earned a bachelor's degree in biology from East Central University, and in 2004 completed her master's degree in human resources administration. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in public health from the University of Oklahoma Health Science Center, specializing in health administration and policy. She plans to graduate in fall of 2007.

Mrs. Jolley is Mississippi Choctaw and lives in Stratford, Okla., with her husband, Joe, and their sons, Justin and Bobby, both students at Byng High School.

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Chickasaws, others complete Basic Firefighter School

Seven Chickasaws are among 33 individuals who recently passed the Basic Wildland Firefighter training. Bottom row from left are Dennis Morris, Efrain Whitebuffalo, Erwin Pewo and Matthew D. Roughface. Second row from left are trainer Joe Lail, Mason Snowhill, Mike Edwards, Shane Alexander, and trainer Sheldon Sankey. Trainer Jim Killsfirst is in the back.

ADA, Okla. - Thirty-three new firefighters are now available to battle wildfires nationwide.

These firefighters completed the Chickasaw Agency Annual Basic Firefighter School conducted Jan. 29 through Feb. 2.

Training was conducted at the Pontotoc Technology Center and the Chickasaw Community Center Gymnasium.

Seven of the new firefighters are Chickasaw.

More than 20 firefighters passed the mandatory eight-hour refresher training.

Attendees at the refresher training included 16 Chickasaw BIA Agency firefighters, five Chickasaw National Recreation Area employees and one Wewoka BIA Agency firefighter.

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Johnson appointed director of training, career development

Amy Johnson

Amy M. Johnson has recently been appointed director of training and career development for the Chickasaw Nation Division of Administrative Services. Her new duties include overseeing professional development standards and maintaining curriculum and instruction that will assist Chickasaw Nation employees in building and achieving a professional career plan.

Ms. Johnson began working for the tribe in 2002 as a human resources specialist. Since then, she has served as a human resources supervisor and training manager until recently accepting her new role.

She is a graduate of East Central University where she earned a bachelor's degree in services to the deaf. She later earned a master's degree in human resources from ECU. Ms. Johnson taught American Sign Language at ECU for seven years before accepting a position at an area hospital and then the Chickasaw Nation. She continued to teach sign language at ECU until 2005.

Ms. Johnson is the daughter of Tommy and Carolyn Cooper and lives in Ada with her two children, Haley Ann, 13, and Andrew, 10.

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Sixth-grader is Outstanding Achievement winner

Kyler Rogers

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Education has established a new program to recognize and encourage high achieving Chickasaw students.

The Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement program selects an outstanding student each month based on achievement in art, athletics, band, dance, FFA/FHA, journalism, music, theatre/drama, or other area.

Students receive an engraved plaque and a $25 Wal-Mart gift card for their achievement.

Chickasaw students in grades two through 12 may be nominated. For more information or to receive an application, contact Beth Campbell or Callie Roebuck at (580) 421-7712.

Award Winner:

The first Outstanding Achievement award was presented to Kyler Rogers, a 6th grade student at Shawnee (OK) Middle School.

Eleven-year-old Kyler was nominated by Shawnee Middle School Indian Education Director Mary Haney for outstanding achievement in a Native American student art show. He entered two pieces of loom beadwork and a legend and won two first place awards, plus a second-place award.

When not working on his art, Kyler enjoys skateboarding, reading, video games, building model cars and playing sports like baseball, basketball and soccer.

Kyler has four brothers and two sisters. He is the son of Robert and Kathy Rogers.

Homecoming flower girl

Carly Horton, right, and Tosha MacCollister.

Five-year-old Carly Shaye Horton served as flower girl for the recent Latta (OK) High School Homecoming. Carly attends pre-kindergarten at Latta Elementary School. She is pictured with Latta homecoming queen Tosha MacCollister. Carly is the daughter of Shawn and Dawn Horton and the granddaughter of Farrell and Debi Rhoads and Murrel and Robanette Horton.

CHICKASAW COMMUNITY COUNCILS MONTHLY MEETINGS

~~~ Meetings are subject to change, please call the contact person to confirm ~~~

Ada Chickasaw Community Council
Ada, OK
3rd Thursday at 6:30 pm
Marie Bailey Community Center
Lura Mullican
580-272-5085
l.mullican@chickasaw.net

Connerville Area Chickasaw Community Council
Connerville, OK
Tue. before the 3rd Fri. of the month at 6:30 pm
Connerville Chickasaw Senior Citizen Site
Emma Mcleod
580-836-7871
emma.mcleod@chickasaw.net

Duncan Chickasaw Community Council
Duncan, OK
1st Monday at 6:30 pm
2414 Harris Drive
Sherri Rose, Chair
580-255-0152
wildrose6739@sbcglobal.net

Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council
Tishomingo, OK
3rd Monday at 6:30 pm – January meeting date is a Holiday. Next meeting is February 12, 2007
Call for information
Ann Fink, Chair
580-371-3351
flora.fink@chickasaw.net

Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council
Enos, OK – 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 pm
Enos Fire Department
Sara Lea, Chair
580-564-4570
lsar747@duracom.net

Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council
Amber - Blanchard - Minco - Newcastle - Tuttle Area, OK
2nd Thursday at 7:00 pm
Chickasaw Enterprises Training Center
400 NW 32nd Hwy. 37
Newcastle, OK
Jeanette Haywood, Chair
405-381-4101
jeanette.haywood@yahoo.com

OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council
Oklahoma City, OK
1st Tuesday at 7:00 pm
Chickasaw Council House
3301 E. Reno
Oklahoma City, OK
Betty Smith, Chair
405-348-7459
pikeyscrossing@yahoo.com

Purcell Chickasaw Community Council
Purcell, OK
4th Tuesday at 6:00 pm
Regional Office – 1601 S. Green Ave.
Keith Shackleford, Chair
405-527-5745
lowakchuffa@yahoo.com

COLORADO ~~~
Chickasaw Community Council of Colorado
Denver, CO
2nd Saturday at 11:30 am
Call for location
Carol Berry
303-235-0282
Chickasaw303@yahoo.com

CALIFORNIA ~~~
Inland Empire/Desert Cities Chickasaw Community Council
Banning, CA
3rd Thursday at 6:30 pm
Call for location
Lynn M. Dorrough, Chair
909-213-7273
liknryn@hotmail.com

KANSAS ~~~
Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita, KS
Wichita, KS
3rd Sunday at 3:00 pm.
Call for Location
Lynn Stumblingbear, Chair
316-945-9219
lynnstumblingbear@hotmail.com
Pam Harjo, Vice-Chair
316-393-0696

TEXAS ~~~
Chickasaw Community Council of Central and South Texas
San Antonio, TX Area
Call for time and location
Michele Moody, Chair
210-492-2288
mmoody@docuguides.com

North Texas Chickasaw Community Council
Dallas/Fort Worth Area, TX
3rd Saturday at 3:00 pm
Call for location
John C. Atkins, Chair
972-271-0692
Injunjon2@verizon.net

Chickasaw artists' work featured in 'State' traveling exhibit

Chickasaw artists Brent Greenwood, Daniel Worcester, Joanna Underwood, and Joshua Hinson are featured in a statewide traveling art exhibit sponsored by the American Indian Cultural Center Museum titled "The State of Being Native American."

Brent Greenwood

Daniel Worcester

The exhibit highlights art from a collection of 23 contemporary artists. The exhibit is tentatively scheduled in Durant, Miami and Oklahoma City, as well as its current location, Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, Okla.

"The beauty of this project is it gives us a wonderful opportunity to reach different regions of the state," said Shoshana Wasserman, consultant for the American Indian Cultural Center and Museum. "The community is taking ownership in Native American art."

Joanna Underwood

Both community members and artist are excited about the statewide tour.

Joshua Hinson

"I thought it was great that Oklahoma Indian artists were getting a chance to show their work at galleries across our home state. People will get a chance to experience each artist's view of what Indian art means to them whether it's contemporary or traditional," Ms. Underwood said.

The exhibit opened to a large audience on Feb. 4. The art will be located in the art department of SWOSU until March 9.

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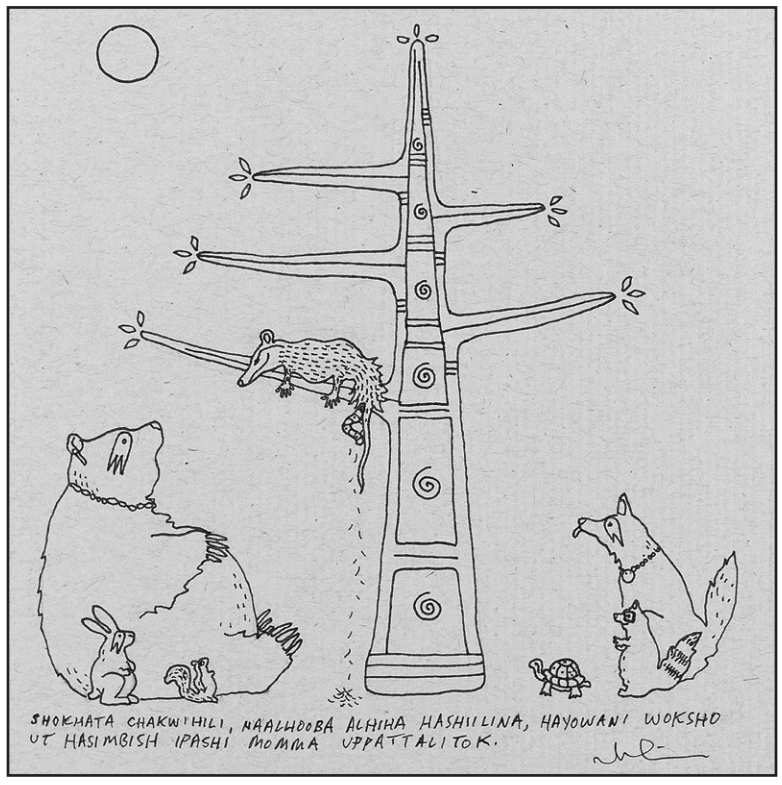

Joshua Hinson - Shikkono'pa'

Joanna Underwood - Southeastern Pottery

Visit Carl Albert gift shop today!

Visit the Carl Albert Hospital Volunteers gift shop. All proceeds are used to purchase items for the hospital that will benefit employees and patients.

The jewelry and crafts are made by Native Americans. Flutes, drums, Pendleton bags, blankets, beaded caps, Choctaw hymnals, CDs, and Bedre candy are a few of the items available.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Brent Greenwood - The Neighborhood

'Go for Red' creates awareness of heart disease in women

Wellness and nutrition representatives are ready to raise awareness at the Go Red for Women heart fair.

Heart disease is the number one killer of women. The Chickasaw Nation cardiology department helped raise awareness on Feb. 2 by hosting "Go for Red" day at the Carl Albert Indian Hospital.

Go for Red is the American Heart Association's national movement aimed at increasing awareness of heart disease in women.

Cardiology department manager Barbara Quinlan said raising awareness is important because many women are not aware of the prevention methods, symptoms or even how to deal with heart disease.

"Twenty-four percent of Native American women are directly affected by heart disease," Mrs. Quinlan said. "Heart disease in women is on the rise and has become a significant disease in women."

Representatives from behavioral health, diabetes clinic, dental clinic, nursing, cardiology, wellness and nutrition distributed information on how to live healthfully and prevent heart disease.

Blood pressure, glucose and BMI (body mass index) screenings were provided for participants.

The red dress has become the symbol of heart disease in women and everyone was encouraged to wear red or wear the red dress pin honoring awareness for women's heart disease.

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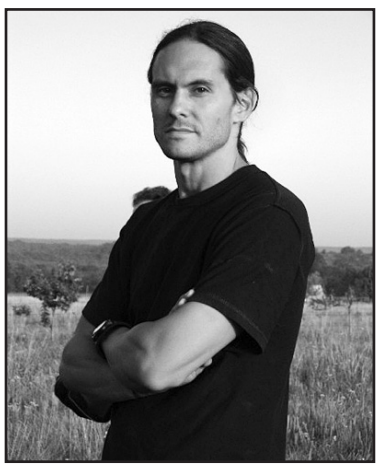
Chickasaw film producer seeks to recreate Indian representation in movies



Chad Burris

Chickasaw Chad Burris left the waving wheat and red dirt of Oklahoma for Los Angeles with a dream of becoming an actor.

"As a kid growing up, I had a unique fascination with movies," Burris said.

Unlike so many hopefuls, he found success and he found himself.

"I tried on many different hats and decided producing is what best suited me," he said.

That's not the end of the story. Then, he went to law school and earned a law degree from the University of Tulsa.

"I had an attorney who represented me in the industry," Mr. Burris said. "Attorneys in the entertainment industry are multi-faceted and I understood that was my skill set – financing and organizing."

Multi-faceted is the best way to describe Chad Burris. He is a successful producer/attorney who is responsible for financing and producing films in Oklahoma. He is the co-owner of the Oklahoma-based Indion Entertainment Group (IEG), a production company that offers tax incentives to encourage investment in Oklahoma film projects.

Burris' latest project, *Four Sheets to the Wind,* is set to compete in the 2007 Sundance Film Festival. The film has already received awards from Sundance film auxiliaries including the NHK award and the inaugural Annenberg award.

Burris paired with producer Sterlin Harjo, a native Oklahoman, to complete *Four Sheets to the Wind*. Burris is also developing Harjo's second film, *Before the Beast Returns,* which has already won best screenplay in the 2006 Tribeca program.

Additionally, Burris has received the 2007 Sundance Institute's Mark Silverman award for his work in the film titled, *The Left Handed Path*, directed by Blackhorse Lowe.

Burris said he is passionate about his job because Native Americans should be accurately represented in the media.

"Native representation in film is ridiculous and it is very romanticized," Burris said. "It is also stories being told by people who are not Indian."

He said that Oklahoma allows the world a unique perspective on Indian life because there are not reservations. It is an integrated community.

"We are more similar than different," Burris said. "In the contemporary, younger current of stories, being Indian is a part of it (storyline), but there's not a spotlight on the Indian aspect. It is Indian people going through life like regular people."

Burris also owns his own production company, Dirt Road Productions, and he plans on producing many more movies.

"Film is such as mass communicator and has the ability to send a message to a wide variety of people," Burris said. "There is something very gratifying about making a movie with a message and I want to be a part of making that happen."

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Spring turkey hunt scheduled for Kullihoma

The annual Spring turkey hunt is set for April 6 through May 6 at Kullihoma, east of Ada.

A special youth turkey hunt is scheduled for March 31 and April 1. Youth hunters must have completed the Oklahoma Hunters Education Class and possess the Oklahoma Hunters Education Card to be eligible.

Youth hunters must also be accompanied by an adult at all times during the hunt.

For both adult and youth hunts, hunters may take a turkey with traditional bow and arrow, or with a shotgun. Each hunter is limited to one Tom harvested per day.

All turkeys harvested must be reported to the Chickasaw Ranger Department at 310-6466.

Hunt permit requests may be picked up at the Chickasaw Nation Conservation and General Ranger Department, 221 N. Rennie, Ada. Permits must be returned no later than March 23.

A sight-in and pattern for shotguns will be conducted by the Department on Saturday, March 24 from 9 a.m. through noon at Kullihoma.

For more information, call 310-6466.

Customer Service survey on the web

Chickasaw citizens who complete a new tribal customer service survey will have the opportunity to win $100.

Chickasaws can access the Customer Service Survey by going to the tribal website at www.chickasaw.net. The survey seeks input from citizens regarding tribal programs, services and customer service.

Once you have completed the survey, you can enter the $100 giveaway. The $100 will be given away each quarter. Winners will be announced in *the Chickasaw Times*.

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Students compete in Johnson-O'Malley art contest

Four Native American students from within the Chickasaw Nation were local winners in the 2007 Johnson-O'Malley (JOM) Art Competition.

Britton Brewer of Davis Schools, Desiree Brooks of Lindsay Schools, Christopher Booth of Vanoss Schools and Savannah Mobley of Comanche Schools placed first through fourth, respectively.

The competition was open to students at all 53 JOM schools within the Chickasaw Nation boundaries. The event encouraged artists to reflect the 2007 Oklahoma JOM Conference theme, "Indian Education Survival of the Future Begins Today."

"This competition is a great way to encourage our young people to explore and excel in the arts," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "It helps provide another way for our youth to share their culture and history with the world."

Chickasaw Nation Arts in Education staff members served as judges. The four winning pieces were then sent on to compete on a state level against winners from across Oklahoma.

The students were able to submit entries using pencil, charcoal, pastels, colored pencil, crayons, markers, acrylics, watercolor, tempera or oils.

For more information about the Johnson-O'Malley program, contact Chickasaw Nation Education Services at (580) 421-7711.

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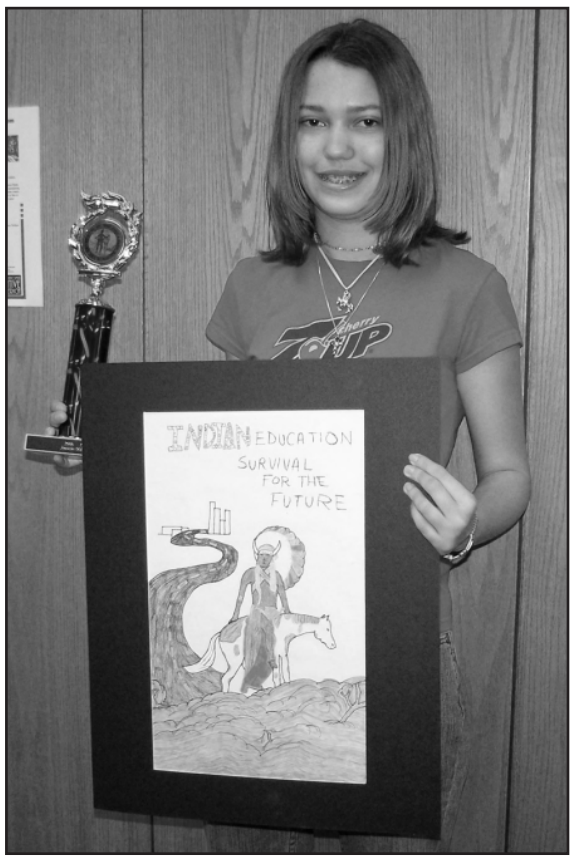
Britton Brewer



Desiree Brooks

Christopher Booth

Savannah Mobley

Hall of Fame nominations due soon

The deadline for nominations to the 2007 class of the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame is drawing closer.

Nominations must be received at the Chickasaw Nation Headquarters by the end of business March 16, 2007.

Nominations of living or deceased individuals will be accepted for consideration.

Nominees must have distinguished themselves in their business, profession, craft, or vocation, thereby bringing honor to the Chickasaw Nation, and/or have made outstanding contributions to the Chickasaw Nation or society in general.

Inductees must be a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation or be eligible to become a citizen of the Nation.

Elected officials of the Chickasaw Nation are not eligible for induction into the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame while holding office.

Inductees must commit to being present for the banquet and induction ceremonies, which are scheduled August 10, 2007 at Riverwind Casino.

A nomination form is available on the Chickasaw Nation Website.

http://www.chickasaw.net/docs/HallOfFameNoms_07.pdf

For more information contact Dr. Amanda Cobb-Greetham at (580) 436-7263 or by email at amanda.cobb@chickasaw.net.

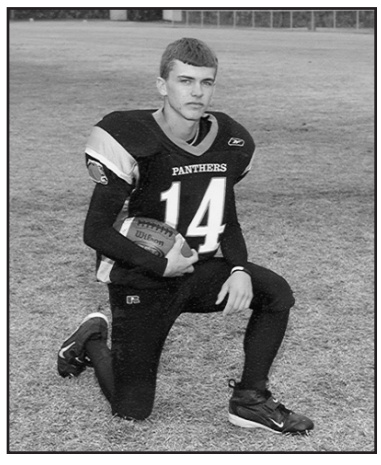
Contributed by Tony Choate, tribal media relations.

Player invited to Aussie game

A Chickasaw football player has recently been invited to an overseas bowl game.

Jesse Stafford, a senior at Okemah (OK) High School, has been invited to participate in the 2007 Down Under Bowl. The game will be played on the Gold Coast of Queensland, Australia.

Jesse is the son of Mark and Rebecca Daggs. He is the grandson of Everett and Donna Stafford, and Bobby and Shirley Bean.



Jesse Stafford

New tribal program assists with students' extra-curricular activities expenses

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Education has introduced a new Special Needs Assistance for School-Aged Children program designed to help defray the extra expenses of extra curricular activities incurred throughout the year.

The Chickasaw Nation realizes the importance of extra curricular activities for special needs children. The tribe also understands the cost of these activities and equipment needed to participate can often be a hardship on the family.

Parents can receive up to $200 reimbursement per school year for special events or disability equipment purchased to participate in extra curricular activities.

To participate in this program, the student:

- must be a Chickasaw citizen
- must attend a public school
- must have a current Individualized Education Plan

The parent:

- must provide receipts
- must complete the required application

There are no residential boundary restrictions. This program is funded by revenues generated by Chickasaw Nation businesses. This program does not replace other existing programs that assist children, but instead attempts to meet unmet needs of children with disabilities.

For more information about this program and qualifying requirements, contact the Chickasaw Nation Vocational Rehabilitation Department at (580) 436-0553.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

Chickasaw intern participates on surgery team while on Mexico trip

A Chickasaw chiropractic student recently worked in Mexico on a surgery team.

Benjamin D. Renfro is an intern at Texas Chiropractic College near Houston, and will graduate in April with a Doctor of Chiropractic degree.

The Mexico trip was organized by Augustine Guevarra, M.D., also a student at the college.

Mr. Renfro participated in orthopedic surgeries with Dr. Jorge Haucuz, M.D., at a government hospital in Guernavaca. Procedures including implanting plates on fractures, hand surgeries, and assisting in Caesarean section procedures during labor and delivery.

Mr. Renfro also spent time in the emergency room where he assisted with patients with injuries ranging from heart attack to electrocution. He also visited hospital rooms with patients who had a wide range of health problems.

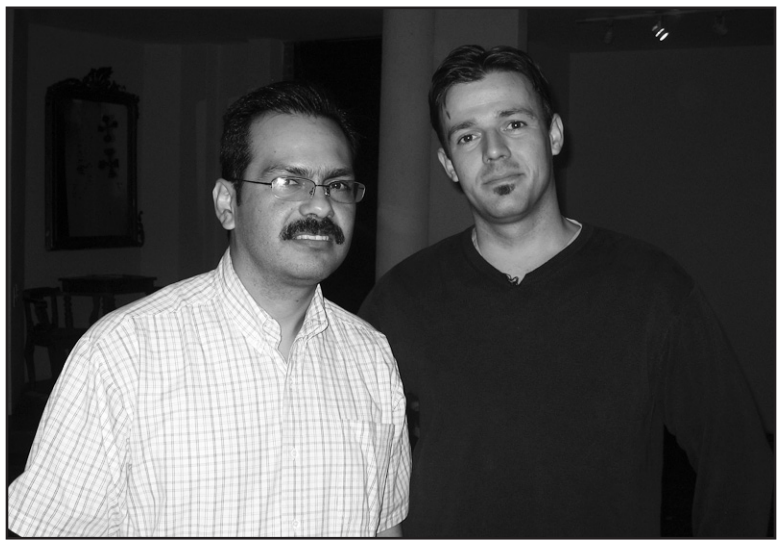
While in Mexico, he also visited the Aztec pyramids, Taxco (the silver city), and the Zocolo in Mexico City.

This opportunity was very humbling and important. Mr. Renfro would like to thank the Chickasaw Nation who he says had provided tremendous help and support. He also thanks Drs. Guevara and Haucuz for the opportunity.

Mr. Renfro is very proud of his heritage, passed down from his grandmother Lorene (Moore) Renfro. Mr. Renfro and his wife, Amanda, have a six-year-old daughter, Alejandra, and a son, one-year-old Noah.

Mr. Renfro is the son of Gary and Janice Renfro, Holly Lake Ranch, Texas. He is the grandson of Paul and Lorene Renfro, Duncan, Okla.

We all wish Ben the best as he will be graduating in April and beginning his life as a Doctor of Chiropractic care.



Ben Renfro, right, with a physician in a Mexico hospital.

Elders from all senior sites enjoy Valentine Day festivities

Those attending the Elders Valentine's Day party in Sulphur were able to dance and enjoy live music performed by the Ada Playboys.

The 2007 Elders Valentine Royalty are, front row from left, Steve and Ethel Wade, Pauls Valley Senior Site; O.C. and Barbara Brashers, Achille Senior Site; David and Sharon Poe, Connerville Senior Site. Middle row from left, Jerry and Alice Kimberlin, Duncan Senior Site; Bill and Sue Simmons, Ardmore Senior Site; Velma Frazier and Flora Perry, Kullihoma Senior Site; Jean and Paul Copeland, Ada Senior Site. Back row from left, Bill and Virginia Mills, Tishomingo Senior Site; Charles and Joan West, Sulphur Senior Site; Karen Cook, division administrator; Pauline and Al Maxwell, Madill Senior Site; and Ken and Larry Evans, Purcell Senior Site.

Couples Berdine and Tom Carter, front, and Dorothy and Lloyd DeMarrias of the Duncan Senior Site enjoy dancing to the live music performed at the Elders Valentine's Day party.

Gerald and Patsy Howard of the Duncan Senior Site enjoy some time together at the Elders Valentine's Day party.

Ada Senior Site members Sim and June Greenwood take in the festivities at the Elders Valentine's Day party at the Murray County Expo Center.

Farm bill proposes fund hike for conservation programs

On January 31, 2007 Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns unveiled the U.S. Department of Agriculture's 2007 farm bill proposals. The more than 65 proposals correspond to the 2002 farm bill titles with additional special focus areas, including specialty crops, beginning farmers and ranchers, and socially disadvantaged producers.

"We listened closely to producers and stakeholders all across the country and took a reform-minded and fiscally responsible approach to making farm policy more equitable, predictable and protected from challenge," said Johanns. "We started with the 2002 farm bill and propose to improve it by bolstering support for emerging priorities and focusing on a market-oriented approach."

USDA began preparations for the 2007 farm bill in 2005 by conducting 52 Farm Bill Forums across the country. More than 4,000 comments were recorded or collected during forums and via electronic and standard mail. These comments are summarized in 41 theme papers. USDA economists, led by Dr. Keith Collins, studied the comments and authored five analysis papers.

The proposals unveiled represent the final phase of a nearly two-year process. Each detailed proposal provides information about why a change is needed, the recommended solution, and relevant background information about the impacted program or policy.

Highlights of the proposals include (funding reflects ten year totals):

• Increase conservation funding by $7.8 billion, simplify and consolidate conservation programs, create a new Environmental Quality Incentives Program and a Regional Water Enhancement Program

• Provide $1.6 billion in new funding for renewable energy research, development and production, targeted for cellulosic ethanol, which will support $2.1 billion in guaranteed loans for cellulosic projects and includes $500 million for a bio-energy and bio-based product research initiative

• Target nearly $5 billion in funding to support specialty crop producers by increasing nutrition in food assistance programs, including school meals, through the purchase of fruits and vegetables, funding specialty crop research, fighting trade barriers and expanding export markets

• Provide $250 million to increase direct payments for beginning farmers and ranchers, reserve a percentage of conservation funds and provide more loan flexibility for down payment, land purchasing and farm operating loans

• Support socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers by reserving a percentage of conservation assistance funds and providing more access to loans for down payments, land purchasing and farm operating

• Strengthen disaster relief by establishing a revenue-based counter-cyclical program, providing gap coverage in crop insurance, linking crop insurance participation to farm program participation, and creating a new emergency landscape restoration program

• Simplify and consolidate rural development programs while providing $1.6 billion in loans to rehabilitate all current Rural Critical Access Hospitals and $500 million in grants and loans for rural communities to decrease the backlog of rural infrastructure projects

• Dedicate nearly $400 million to trade efforts to expand exports, fight trade barriers, and increase involvement in world trade standard-setting bodies

• Simplify, modernize, and rename the Food Stamp Program to improve access for the working poor, better meet the needs of recipients and States, and strengthen program integrity

The Administration's 2007 farm bill proposals would spend approximately $10 billion less than the 2002 farm bill spent over the past five years (excluding ad-hoc disaster assistance), upholding the President's plan to eliminate the deficit in five years. These proposals would provide approximately $5 billion more than the projected spending if the 2002 farm bill were extended.

The proposals are available at www.usda.gov/farmbill. Also posted on USDA's website are the Farm Bill Forum transcripts, farm bill comments submitted by the public, theme papers summarizing the comments and USDA analysis papers.

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Chickasaw cadet takes flight

Jerris Egge

A Chickasaw high school student is receiving some early U.S. Air Force training.

Jerris Egge, a 15-year-old sophomore at Hemet (CA) High School, is a member of the school's Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) program.

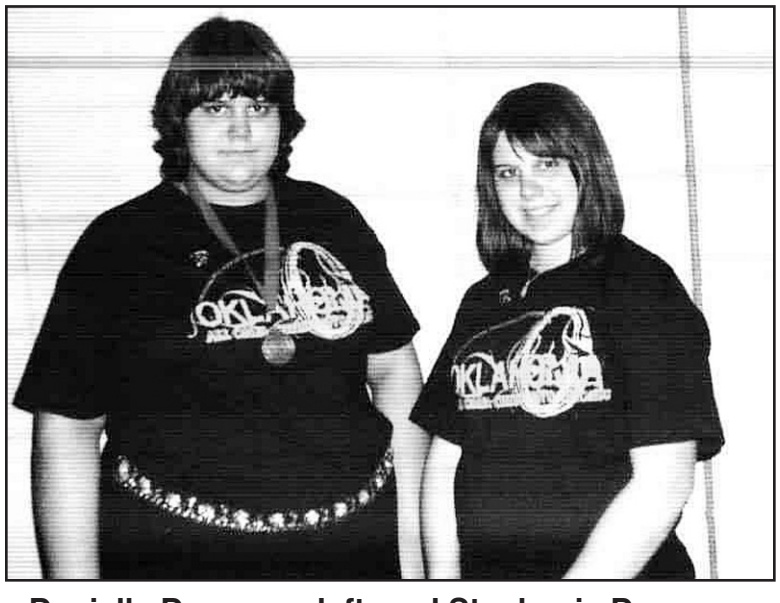
Miss Egge, along with several other Hemet JROTC cadets, recently completed a one-week leadership school at Edwards Air Force Base, California. Edwards is home to the Air Force Flight Test Center.

The highlight of the week was a flight in a two-seat T-38 training jet for Miss Egge and pilot Maj. Gen. Curt Bedke. Gen Bedke is commander of the test center and has flown over 70 types of aircraft.

Gen. Bedke demonstrated some basic loops and rolls for Miss Egge, then allowed the cadet to take the stick and fly the jet. Miss Egge executed two rolls.

Miss Egge is the daughter of Lt. Col. And Mrs. Walter Egge, of Hemet. She is a descendant of Chickasaw original enrollee Walter Jack.

Sisters participate in state honor choirs



Danielle Dameron, left, and Stephanie Dameron

Two Chickasaw sisters have been selected to sing with three separate honor choirs.

Danielle Dameron and Stephanie Dameron are both students at Tishomingo (OK) Middle School. Danielle and Stephanie have performed with the East Central Oklahoma Choir Directors Honor Choir; the OMEA All State Children's Choir; and the Circle the State with Song Honor Choir.

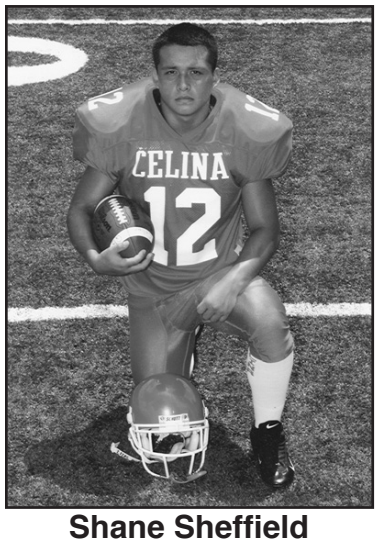
The girls sang with the East Central Choir in November during a Guthrie, Okla., performance.

The All State Children's Choir performed in Tulsa in January. Danielle was awarded a three-year medal, and it was Stephanie's initial All State performance.

Danielle sang for the fourth year and Stephanie the second year during the Circle the State February performance in Durant, Okla.

The girls are the daughters of Paul and Robin Dameron, of Tishomingo. The girls' grandparents are Larry and Katrinka Skinner, of Achille, Okla., and John Dameron, of Tahlequah, Okla.

Texas Chickasaw completes successful grid campaigns



Shane Sheffield

A Chickasaw football player has recently completed an outstanding high school career.

Shane Sheffield was a starting linebacker for the Celina (TX) Bobcats. The Bobcats have played exceptionally well over the past two seasons, compiling a 29-1 record which included a state championship and an appearance in a second state championship game.

Shane, a senior, plans to attend college and is undecided on his school choice at this time.

His family is very proud of Shane's accomplishments and wishes him much success in all his future endeavors.

Dangerous feral swine target of Chickasaw Ranger project

Chickasaw Rangers have captured and killed dozens of feral swine on tribal land as part of a program aimed at reducing the population in the Oklahoma.

Feral swine, more commonly known as wild hogs, can carry bovine brucellosis or pseudorabies, according to Chickasaw Ranger Rick Carson.

"They can infect cattle with bovine brucellosis, which can be a real problem," said Carson.

Brucellosis is a highly contagious disease which causes spontaneous abortion in cattle.

Controlling the feral hog population has become an increasingly difficult challenge because of their rapid rate of reproduction.

Wild hogs may have five to 10 or more young in each litter and may have two or more litters each year, according to Carson.

Hunting is one method of reducing the population.

Rangers are also trapping the hogs in a mobile cage-type trap which can be moved to a location where the hogs have become a problem.

Legislation passed by the Oklahoma House of Representatives and pending in the state senate is intended "to provide aggressive measures to reduce the number of feral swine in Oklahoma."

That law also states that feral swine often carry tuberculosis, bubonic plague and anthrax among other diseases, which make them a health risk to humans, wildlife, livestock and pets.

More than a dozen blood samples from hogs have been sent to a state lab, where testing is done to determine what diseases, if any, the hogs are carrying.

Carson said wild hogs also cause a great deal of damage to the natural habitat. This creates problems for livestock as well as many more desirable wildlife species.

"Wild hogs can tear up so much vegetation it can create problems for deer and rabbits and other types of wildlife," he said.

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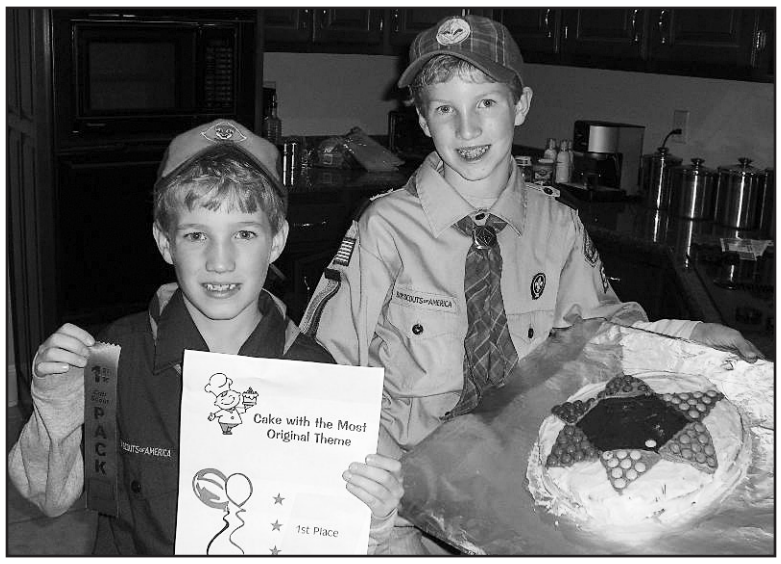
Carlan Tompson poses with two wild hogs killed by Chickasaw Rangers as part of a feral swine eradication program.

Tennessee Cub Scouts 'take the cake' in Pack competition



Blake and Logan Havern

Cub Scouts Blake and Logan Havern, of Collierville, Tenn., Pack 50, recently won the "cake with the most original theme" award during the father/son decorating contest. The cake's design was called "Chinese Checkers."

The boys' grandparents are Tim and Amanda Havern, of El Reno, Okla. Their great-grandmother was Charline Penner VonTungeln, born in Mill Creek, Okla., in 1914.

Chickasaw Rangers join wildlife habitat program

Chickasaw Rangers have been cooperating with WildCare to provide habitat for Oklahoma wildlife the organization has nursed to health.

WildCare is an animal hospital for wild animals native to Oklahoma.

Each year the organization accepts more than 3,000 wild animals with the goal of returning as many as possible to the wild.

The partnership began when Chickasaw Ranger supervisor Rick Carson took an injured hawk to WildCare.

After some discussion, Chickasaw Rangers Carlan Tompson, Gary Carter, Todd Warren and Carson volunteered to assist in the effort

When WildCare has a large number of animals to release, rangers provide assistance releasing the animal into appropriate habitat on tribal land.

To date, dozens of raccoons, opossums, squirrels and other animals as well as birds have been returned to the wild thanks to the partnership.

Chickasaw Nation Ada Head Start celebrates Reading with special quests

Oklahoma State Senator Susan Paddack explores the magical world of reading with Chickasaw Nation Head Start students.

Chickasaw Nation Ada Head Start students received a surprise visit from "The Cat in the Hat" and "Thing 1 and Thing 2."

Newly-elected Chickasaw Legislator Katie Case tells Chickasaw Nation Head Start students all about footprints in the snow.

Seeking fluent speakers, apprentice candidates

Tribe conducting Chickasaw language survey

The Chickasaw Nation was recently awarded a grant of more than $93,000 from the Administration for Native Americans to conduct a language survey and design a master-apprentice language program.

"This survey is an important component of the Chickasaw language revitalization program," said Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby. "Chickasaws everywhere have an opportunity to take part in this vital effort to preserve our language for future generations."

Because a comprehensive language survey has not been recently conducted, there is not a reliable estimate of the number of fluent Chickasaw speakers.

In 2003, the Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing conducted a survey of citizens which included questions regarding language. Of 2,588 surveys returned, only 91 people identified themselves as fluent speakers at that time.

Other estimates of the number of fluent speakers range from about 600 to about 700.

Sue Linder-Linsley, Chickasaw Cultural Center director, said the best estimate the center has currently is approximately 200.

"This survey is designed to give us a good picture of the state of the language," said Linder-Linsley. She added that the survey should help language revitalization workers learn how, when and where people are using the language.

The survey will also provide valuable information about the level of importance Chickasaws place on use and revitalization of the Chickasaw language.

A recent study indicated the Chickasaw Nation could lose its last fluent speaker in 20 to 30 years if nothing is done to revitalize the language.

Very few children born since 1960 learned Chickasaw as a primary language. Many fluent speakers today are 65 or older.

The survey will not only help officials calculate the number of fluent speakers, it will also help establish guidelines for selecting participants for the master-apprentice language program.

This program will pair fluent speakers with apprentices who can devote the time and effort necessary to become fluent speakers in 18 to 24 months.

Each of 10 fluent speakers will be teamed with an apprentice who has some knowledge of the Chickasaw language.

Teams will make a commitment to spend two hours each day five days per week communicating in Chickasaw.

Because of the significant time commitment involved in participating in the program, one goal of the survey is to identify potential candidates who live in close proximity.

Chickasaw Language Revitalization and Preservation Initiative Survey 2006

1. Where do you live?
- ☐ In the boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation
- ☐ Outside the Chickasaw Nation boundaries

2. What tribe are you?
- ☐ Chickasaw tribal member
- ☐ A descendant of a Chickasaw tribal member
- ☐ Member of another tribe_____(please list)
- ☐ Non-Native American

3. Are you an employee of the Chickasaw Nation?
☐ Yes ☐ No

4. Is Chickasaw your first or second spoken language?
- ☐ Chickasaw is the first language I learned to speak
- ☐ Chickasaw is the second language I learned to speak
- ☐ Never learned the Chickasaw language

5. How many fluent speakers do you know?
☐ 0 ☐ 1-3 ☐ 4-6 ☐ 7-10 ☐ 10 or more

6. How often do you interact with a fluent speaker?
☐ Daily ☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ Sometimes ☐ Never

7. How would you describe your understanding of the Chickasaw language?
- ☐ I do not understand Chickasaw at all
- ☐ I understand a few words
- ☐ I understand the meaning of some phrases
- ☐ I can understand most of what is said in a conversation
- ☐ I understand the language very well

8. How many words can you understand in the Chickasaw language?
☐ 0 ☐ 1-20 ☐ 21-40 ☐ 41-100 ☐ 101-200 ☐ Over 200

9. How many words can you say in Chickasaw?
☐ 0 ☐ 1-20 ☐ 21-40 ☐ 41-100 ☐ 101-200 ☐ Over 200

10. How often do you hear the language being used at home?
☐ Not at all ☐ Sometimes ☐ Most of the time ☐ All of the time

11. How often do you hear the language used at work?
☐ Not at all ☐ Sometimes ☐ Most of the time ☐ All of the time ☐ Not applicable

12. How often do you hear the language being used at school?
☐ Not at all ☐ Sometimes ☐ Most of the time ☐ All of the time ☐ Not applicable

13. How often do you hear the language being used at community gatherings?
☐ Not at all ☐ Sometimes ☐ Most of the time ☐ All of the time

14. How often do you hear the language being used at traditional gatherings?
☐ Not at all ☐ Sometimes ☐ Most of the time ☐ All of the time ☐ Don't attend

15. How often do you hear the language being used at ceremonial gatherings?
☐ Not at all ☐ Sometimes ☐ Most of the time ☐ All of the time ☐ Don't attend

16. How often do you hear the language being used at church?
☐ Not at all ☐ Sometimes ☐ Most of the time ☐ All of the time ☐ Not applicable

17. How often do you hear the language being used at tribal government activities?
☐ Not at all ☐ Sometimes ☐ Most of the time ☐ All of the time ☐ Not applicable

18. Do you want to learn the Chickasaw language?
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Sure

19. Rate the level of importance for the Chickasaw language to be used at home.
☐ Very important ☐ Important ☐ Somewhat important ☐ Not important

20. Rate the level of importance for the Chickasaw language to be used at work.
☐ Very important ☐ Important ☐ Somewhat important ☐ Not important ☐ Don't work

21. Rate the level of importance for the Chickasaw language to be used at school.
☐ Very important ☐ Important ☐ Somewhat important ☐ Not important ☐ Don't attend school

22. Rate the level of importance for the Chickasaw language to be used at traditional gatherings.
☐ Very important ☐ Important ☐ Somewhat important ☐ Not important ☐ Not applicable

23. Rate the level of importance for the Chickasaw language to be used at ceremonial gatherings.
☐ Very important ☐ Important ☐ Somewhat important ☐ Not important ☐ Not applicable

24. Who should we concentrate on providing opportunities to learn the Chickasaw language?
Rank 1 (Higher priority) to 5 (Lower priority) *used each number once and put a number in each blank*
Children_____ Teens_____ Elders_____ College Students_____ Families_____

25. Do you want to have language classes offered in your school district?
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

26. Would you agree the Chickasaw language is vital in securing our identity and existence?
☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not sure

27. What is your birth date? _____ **28.** What is your gender? ☐ Male ☐ Female

29. What are the ages of others in your household who speak Chickasaw? _____, _____, _____, _____ ,____, ____, ____

30. What are the ages of other in your household who understand some Chickasaw? ____, ____, _____, ____, ____, ____

31. How many people are there in your household? _____

32. Name:_____ Zip Code:_____ CDIB#:_____

33. May we contact you about Chickasaw language activities? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Address:_____

_____ City:_____ State:_____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ E-mail: _____

Date:_____ For CN Use Only:

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National Night Out Award

The National Association of Town Watches organization recently selected Ada, Oklahoma a 2006 National Night Out award winner. Ada was selected one of the top communities in the under-15,000 population category.

Berry Needham, Chickasaw Nation Youth and Family Activities Coordinator and area National Night Out committee chair, received a plaque commemorating the recognition. This marks the third consecutive year Ada has been recognized a top National Night Out community.

The national event is conducted annually in August as a community-wide effort. The Chickasaw Nation and East Central University are the primary event partners. Numerous other agencies assist including the Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police, Ada Police Department, D.A.R.E., Oklahoma Highway Patrol, Valley View Regional Hospital EMS, Pontotoc County DHS and the Ada High School Leadership Class.

National Night Out is an anti-crime program that seeks to energize neighbors and communities to reduce crime in their locales.

Contributed by Kerri McDonald, tribal media relations.

It is time once again to feature our Chickasaw High School Seniors!

The *Chickasaw Times* would like to congratulate each of you on your accomplishment by featuring you in our May 2007 issue.

Your biography and photo will appear in this special issue if you complete the form below and mail it to us with a photo no later than ***Monday, April 23, 2007.***

Senior Profile Form

Please include return address with photo

Name _____

Home town _____

High School _____

Parents/guardians _____

(If parents are deceased or divorced, please indicate)

Grandparents _____

Information about graduate *(include school activities, extracurricular activities, future plans, etc.)*

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By ROSS HILL
President and CEO
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Each January millions of Americans gather around their television sets loaded down with their favorite snacks and beverages to watch the big football season finale. A national title is on the line. In a matter of minutes the world will know if the weeks and weeks of hard work will finally pay off.

Grown men act like wild animals and they scream at the glowing TV screen as giants in shiny helmets bang heads on the gridiron. Emotions are high. Pride is on the line and in the end, there is but one winner.

Have you been there? Perhaps for you it was a high school football tournament, a little league softball game or a state basketball championship. Either way the thrill of being among the top in your game was exciting. At Bank2 we work hard every day to be your bank of choice. You have many options when it comes to financial services. Many of you have rewarded us with your business. You recognize our love for serving our fellow Native Americans.

While nothing thrills us more than making a dream come true with a home loan, helping start a new business or assisting a young couple in the purchase of their first new car, it is fun to know that industry analysts and business experts have taken notice and consider Bank2 to be among the best of the best.

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As the President-CEO of Bank2 I, am proud to know that we have won this national award for yet another year. Without question honors such as this do not come every day and without the efforts of many people. After all, it is the people of Bank2 who make the difference.

It is truly a pleasure to know that we are making a difference in the lives of Native Americans. Banking is my business but having a positive impact among Native Americans nationwide is my passion. Thank you for being a part of our success.

Ross A. Hill is president-CEO of Bank2. Bank2 is a growing $85 million full service financial institution with headquarters in Oklahoma City, Okla. Bank2 is owned 100% by the Chickasaw Nation. It's About Money is published monthly by Bank2 as a financial service to members of the Chickasaw Nation. To learn more about the many great financial services and Bank2 home loan programs designed especially for Native Americans, call toll-free nationwide, 1-877-409-2265 or visit our Web site at www.bank2.biz

Tribal representative to be in Chickasha March 19

A Chickasaw Nation representative will be in Chickasha on March 19 to answer questions about tribal programs.

For more information, or to apply for tribal elderly energy assistance, tribal emergency utility assistance, energy assistance, community health representatives, or other programs, visit Bettie Black at Oklahoma Workforce, 301 S. 2nd Street from 3 to 5 p.m.

A tribal representative will be available for questions at Oklahoma Workforce the third Monday of each month.

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HOME IMPROVEMENT LOAN PROGRAM: Do you need to make improvements to your home but just don't have the money? Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing & Tribal Development's Home Improvement Loan Program may be the answer. Maximum loan amount is $30,000.00; interest rate is 5% and maximum term is 10 years. You must be able to qualify for the loan, must have fee simple title and cannot already have a 2nd mortgage for home improvements. Available only for Chickasaws and employees of the Chickasaw Nation in the State of Oklahoma. Work must be completed by a licensed contractor.

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January 2007 Students of the Month

Students of the month have been selected for the January 2007 in all districts of the Chickasaw Nation.

Up to 24 awards are presented each month, as male and female student of the month awards are available in elementary, middle school and high school in each of the districts of the Chickasaw Nation.

Each student of the month received a recognition plaque and a $25 Wal-Mart gift certificate.

All Native American students with a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood in grades one through 12 attending participating schools in the Chickasaw Nation are eligible for student of the month.

Students are nominated by teachers, counselors, JOM coordinators, principals or other school personnel in recognition of academic accomplishments, leadership qualities, positive attitude, work ethic, citizenship and other criteria.

Following are students of the month, along with selected comments from those who nominated each student.

Paige Miller and **Michael Cheairs** of Ravia Elementary are the January students of the month in Tishomingo District.

"**Paige Miller** is a very sweet and intelligent girl," said Debbie Akins. "She is active in cheerleading, basketball and is always willing to help out in any way she can."

"**Michael Chaeirs** has come a long way this year," said Debbie Akins. "He has improved in everything this year. He has become involved in activities."

Kelli Case of Homer Elementary, **Kenneth Sullivan** of Lexington Elementary, **Shundiin Bohan** of Byng Jr. High, **Dakota Miller** of Stratford Jr. High, **Annie Taylor** of Lexington High and **Derrek Bond** of Ada High are the students of the month for the Pontotoc District.

"**Kelli Case** is a strong student with great leadership qualities," said Lisa Shores. "She has a strong work ethic. She is very articulate and shares her ideas well."

"**Kenneth Sullivan** is an exceptional third grader at Lexington Elementary," said Meredith Jones. "What he lacks in size he makes up for in character. Kenneth is always pleasant and respectful of others. He has a great attitude and makes good grades. He is active in baseball and basketball. He just performed in the school's winter play and executed his lines flawlessly."

"It is with great pleasure that I recommend **Shundiin Bohan** for the Chickasaw Nation Student of the Month award," said Lynne White. "I have been acquainted with Shundiin for the past two years. She is currently an 8th grade student in my American History class at Byng Junior High School. Shundiin is an honor student and will be inducted to National Honor Society this month. She is also very active in a variety of activities and interests at school and outside of school. While participating in drama productions and sports activities, Shundiin has continued to be an exemplary student. She is a hard-working, self-starter who invariably understands exactly what is expected of her and consistently produces high quality work. She is also very fortunate to have very supportive parents and family. Shundiin is very organized, extremely intelligent, and has an excellent rapport with her peers and people of all ages. She enjoys life and always has a positive attitude. Shundiin has shown excellent communication skills, both written and verbal. I have found Shundiin to be very proud and knowledgeable of her American Indian heritage. I am confident that she would be an excellent ambassador for the Chickasaw Nation and role model for other American Indian youth."

Shundiin Bohan

"**Dakota Miller** is a very polite and friendly young man," said Angela Martin. "He enjoys and excels in activities where he can be active and work in hands-on situations. He works very hard at home, helping his grandpa on their farm and in their hay barns. Dakota works hard at school, too, maintaining respectable grades and participating in athletics. He would be a great choice for JOM Student of the Month."

Dakota Miller

"**Annie Taylor** is a hard working student with good grades," said Meredith Jones. "She is dependable and respectful of others. Annie is a positive influence on those around her. She is a member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe and a descendant of Chief Big Foot. She is active in Show Choir and Future Farmers of America. Annie also participates in softball, basketball, National Honor Society and the Gifted and Talented Program. She has a deep love of horses and excels at horse showing. Annie would be an excellent choice for District Student of the Month."

Annie Taylor

"**Derrek Bond** is a super young man," said Chuck Roberts. "His high GPA along with his many outside activities and his outstanding personality makes him an excellent candidate for this award."

Derrek Bond

Catera Pickens of Lincoln Elementary (Ardmore), **Blake Coyle** of Turner Elementary, **Madison McCauley** of Comanche High and **Robin Tipps** of Ardmore High are the January Student of the Month for Pickens District.

"**Catera Pickens** is hard-working, dependable and trustworthy," said Mrs. Serrano. "She always does her best work and takes pride in all that she does. She is respectful and conscientious."

Catera Pickens

"**Blake Coyle** may not be the A student, but he is wonderful child to be around," said Sue Kelley. "I enjoy just listening to him talk and tell his stories. Blake is a very well mannered young man. Always so polite to everyone."

Blake Coyle

"**Madison McCauley** has shown that she can be leader," said Misti Mitchell-Bain. "On her high school softball team she was a captain that upper classmen and under classmen could depend on. She was a person that all players could go to for help. Madison never complains about anything and she always has a smile to offer, even if she has never met you. She is also a very hard working young lady with good morals and standards. In the world we live in today having a believing in your morals is a positive trait to have, especially for a teenager. Madison is an outgoing Christian who is not afraid to stand up for her beliefs. Madison's fellow friends and peers know how and what she believes in and they respect her for standing true to those beliefs. I personally feel that Madison deserves the 'Student of the Month' award. She is a positive role model for young and old and she truly represents the All American Girl."

"**Robin Tipps** is a very responsible student at Ardmore High School," said Deana Craighead. "He has excelled in the classroom and as an athlete. We are proud of his honors and accomplishments. It is with pride that we nominate Robin Tipps as 'Student of the Month.'"

Indian youth language fair in April at OU

NORMAN, Okla. – Students of Native American languages from preschool to high school are encouraged to enter the fifth annual Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair, scheduled for Thursday and Friday, April 5 and 6 at the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History at the University of Oklahoma.

Participants of all ages may demonstrate their language skills in the spoken language and language with music or dance categories. Other competition categories include poster art and book-making categories, open to grades three through 12; film/video category open to sixth through 12th graders; and a language advocacy essay category open to students in grades nine through 12.

This statewide competition draws more than 500 participants from across Oklahoma as well as neighboring states that compete in as many as 18 Native American languages. Pre-k through fifth – grade competitions will take place on Thursday, April 5; and sixth through 12th grade competitions on Friday, April 6. The top three award – winners in each age group and category will receive a trophy that can be displayed at their school or tribal center.

"We want to make people aware that our Native languages are vanishing at an alarming rate," said language fair coordinator Mary Linn, curator of Native American Languages at the museum. "It is the younger generation's responsibilities to learn, preserve and revitalize these languages before they are gone. To Native Americans, words are powerful. The Oklahoman Native American Youth Language Fair encourages students to learn and demonstrate this Native Power of language in an University setting."

A panel of elders and teachers from several different tribes will judge the language performances and spoken language competitions. Native artists will judge the posters based on creativity and use of this year's theme, "Powerful Languages, Powerful Lives," and Native authors will judge the books. Every student who participates will receive a medallion and Language T-shirt.

Registration forms and additional information are available online at the museum's Web site: www.snomnh.ou.edu. Deadline for registration is March 16. To have forms sent by mail, or for additional information, participants may contact the museum's Native American Languages department at (405) 325-7588 or by e-mail at ONAYLF@ras.snomnh.ou.edu. The 2007 Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair is made possibly by the Boeing Company, Mike and Whitney Alvis, Robin Flint Ballenger, the Choctaw Nation Language Department and the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma.

The Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History are located on the OU Norman campus. Additional information about the museum is available by calling (405) 325-4712 or on the Web at www.snomnh.ou.edu.

Sovereignty more than 'quirk' in federal law

Tribal court systems working hard to provide proper service

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article, written by National Congress of American Indians president Joe Garcia, deals with tribal court systems, indigent Indian defendants, and tribal sovereignty.

Mr. Garcia's article was written in response to an article which appeared recently in the Wall Street Journal. In the Journal article, an isolated incident was used to portray inadequacy in Indian court systems.

Tribal justice is funded unevenly across the country, but most tribes are fulfilling their requirements properly. The Chickasaw Nation operates a fully-funded and highly effective court system.

The foreword below, which preceeds Mr. Garcia's article, was written by Chickasaw Nation Attorney General Deanna Hartley-Kelso.

FOREWORD: As many of you may know, the non-Indian majority of American society holds many misconceptions about who is an Indian and what Indian governments do. In a recent edition of *the Wall Street Journal*, yet another stereotype was put forth, and, yet another debate began. This time, it involves the tribal system of court appointed attorneys available to accused persons who cannot otherwise afford an attorney.

Specifically, on February, 1, 2007, Gary Fields of *the WSJ* wrote an article describing an incident in Arizona where an indigent Indian man was tried for a crime and could not afford an attorney. The tribe also could not provide defense counsel for him, simply due to a lack of resources at the Tohono O'Odham Nation. Consequently, the man was tried without an attorney.

The *WSJ* article gives the casual reader the impression that the rights of Indians are routinely violated by tribal courts. This is not the case here at Chickasaw Nation. Our court system provides for indigent defense with mechanisms in place to assure tribal funding and service delivery in a variety of circumstances for accused persons.

This month, *the Chickasaw Times* has included an article reprinted from *Indian Country Today*, written by Mr. Joe Garcia, which outlines a tribal perspective in response to the *WSJ* article.

Deanna Hartley-Kelso, Attorney General for the Chickasaw Nation.

Garcia: Tribal justice is not a 'quirk'

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On Feb. 1, *the Wall Street Journal* published a front page article, ''Native Americans on Trial Often Go Without Counsel,'' highlighting one effect of the dramatic underfunding of tribal criminal justice systems. While we applaud *the Wall Street Journal* for raising this important issue, several aspects of the article lacked context and require a response.

First and foremost, the headline of the article is misleading. Most tribal courts provide counsel for indigent defendants and many tribes use their own tribal revenues to provide these services. The article cited one example from Tohono O'odham where the tribe lacked the resources to provide counsel for multiple co-defendants, to draw the conclusion that Native people often go on trial unrepresented, when in fact these types of prosecutions are rare.

Second, the article suggests that it is "a little-known quirk of federal law'' that tribes "are considered sovereign nations.'' To the millions of Indian people and hundreds of tribal governments who have functioned as autonomous sovereigns since time immemorial, our governments are much more than a "quirk of federal law.'' The sovereignty of our governments has been recognized by the federal government since its founding and is acknowledged in hundreds of treaties, the U.S. Constitution, countless statutes and executive orders. Any discussion of tribal justice systems must acknowledge and embrace tribal jurisdiction.

The article wrongly suggests that Indian people lack one of the guarantees of their basic civil rights. Because our sovereignty predates the U.S. Constitution, the provisions of the Bill of Rights do not apply to tribal governments. Tribes were recognized as foreign sovereigns outside the authority of the federal government when the Bill of Rights was developed. But to say that "the Constitution acts as a floor ... that no state can go below'' and that no such floor exists for Indian people is simply not correct and reveals a profound misunderstanding of Indian law.

The U.S. Congress passed the Indian Civil Rights Act in 1968, which guarantees many basic civil rights to tribal citizens. Even more importantly, tribes have their own systems of laws and constitutions that provide protections to their citizens in accordance with our traditions. Together, these federal and tribal laws require that justice be meted out fairly and the rights of individuals protected.

The Rosebud Sioux Tribe, for example, includes a provision in its Constitution that provides for indigent criminal defense. Similarly, the Navajo Nation, the largest tribe in the country, has codified a Navajo Bill of Rights in its code that guarantees, among other things, a right to counsel. The Navajo Nation is one of many tribes that budgets for indigent legal services despite receiving virtually no federal funding to cover the costs.

The chief problem is that too often, the laws that protect the rights of Indian people cannot be effectively enforced for lack of funding. It is no accident that *the Wall Street Journal* could find an example from the Tohono O'odham Nation. After the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, the federal government clamped down on illegal immigration in the urban areas of the Mexican border. As a result, the Tohono O'odham reservation saw a huge increase in illegal immigration, drug smuggling and related crime. The Tohono O'odham Nation has repeatedly and assertively asked for additional federal resources to help them govern the 80 miles of international border the reservation shares with Mexico. Yet, Indian tribes are not eligible to directly receive any of the billions that the federal government distributes to state governments to help them patrol the borders and combat drug-trafficking. So Tohono O'odham, and many other tribes, are forced to allocate their scarce resources among many competing priorities.

Although this is not a problem unique to Indian country, *the Wall Street Journal* provided no comparison to the challenges other court systems in the United States face trying to provide indigent counsel in their courts. In recent years articles have been published that document the breakdown of the indigent defense system in Boston, Virginia, New York and other jurisdictions, but there was no mention of this in *the Wall Street Journal* article.

For tribal governments, the problem of scarce resources is compounded by the federal government's failure to meet its law enforcement responsibility on tribal lands. The federal government has assumed jurisdiction over major felony crimes committed on Indian reservations and has limited the sentencing authority of tribal courts to one year. The defendant profiled in *the Wall Street Journal* article was caught smuggling nearly 200 pounds of marijuana across an international border, but the U.S. Attorney would not prosecute, forcing the Tohono O'odham Nation to try him in tribal court. Tribal court systems are routinely overburdened by serious crimes that should be prosecuted in federal court.

While *the Wall Street Journal* focused on the lack of resources for indigent defense, we know that virtually all aspects of the justice system in Indian country are in need of additional resources. The challenges of improving tribal justice systems are broader than providing counsel to indigent defendants and include better funding for jails, police investigation, prosecution, courtrooms and severely overcrowded jails. Problems and solutions need to be developed with a view to ensuring justice is done at all stages of tribal systems.

Improving tribal justice systems has been a top priority for the National Congress of American Indians and Indian tribes for years. We must continue our internal efforts to make sure justice is done, and also to let our voices be heard that greater funding is needed. The Wall Street Journal article helps to demonstrate that need. However, we hope journalists and Congress will keep in mind the entirety of tribal justice systems, the deep history that grounds our sovereignty, and the many sources of law - federal and tribal - that protect our people.

Joe Garcia is president of National Congress of American Indians in Washington, D.C.

Health care career program offered for Indian students

OKLAHOMA CITY – The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center is now accepting applications for is 2007 Headlands Indian Health Careers Program, set for June 9 through July 21 on the OU Norman campus.

American Indian high school seniors and first-year college students interested in pursuing a career in the health professions are encouraged to apply for this intense six-week enrichment program offering mini-block courses in calculus, chemistry, physics and biology. These courses are designed to increase students' knowledge and prepare them for the required college-level math and science coursework in pre-health programs.

Students will gain experience in the laboratory, strengthen their communications and writing skills, and attend interactive presentations at the OU Health Sciences Center colleges of Public Health, Allied Health, Medicine, Pharmacy and Nursing. Field excursions to health clinics and hospitals also are included.

Travel, lodgings and meal expenses will be provided for each student accepted into the program.

Applications for the Headlands program can be found at www.headlands.ouhs.edu or by calling Carla Guy at (405) 271-3090, ext. 46885. Application deadline is March 15.

The Headlands program is sponsored by the Oklahoma Native American EXPORT Center, with funding the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities of the National Institutes of Health.

Homeland area with 18th Century Chickasaw village leased by tribe

By RICHARD GREEN
Contributing Writer

More than two centuries ago, the last of the Chickasaws despondently left their former village, Tchichatala (chi-chee-tah-la), and met with other groups of their brethren from across northern Mississippi to begin the migration called the Trail of Tears to Indian Territory.

But this past February 12, Gov. Bill Anoatubby signed a lease agreement that will enable tribal members for generations to come to visit this site overlooking the beautiful Coonewah Creek valley, just southwest of Tupelo, Mississippi.

With a stroke of the pen, Gov. Anoatubby executed for the tribe a lease of more than 34 acres of ridge-top land, most recently named Cedarscape by the Beasley family, owners of the property owners since 1963. The lease agreement already had been signed by Mark Michel, president of the Archaeological Conservancy, which now owns the property. The tribe paid $10 to the Conservancy, a private, non-profit organization, to lease the property for 99 years.

Last summer, the Chickasaw Legislature unanimously passed a resolution authorizing the governor to negotiate the lease.

The year before, Gov. Anoatubby had provided a grant to the Conservancy to purchase the land. He had two main reasons for doing so. He wanted the tribe to preserve from commercial development one of the few bona fide Chickasaw village sites left in the old homeland area. And second, he wants the tribe to develop an interpretive center and retreat at Tchichatala.

The preserve was obtained for the Conservancy mainly through the efforts of its Southeast Regional Director, Jessica Crawford, who persuaded the landowners, John Ray and Lottye Betts Beasley to sell Cedarscape for a price below its market value so that the village site could be preserved. "They had dreamed of their beloved farm becoming a preserve that would benefit and educate not only Chickasaws but people who live in the Tupelo area as well," Crawford said. "I came along to offer them the opportunity. Now it's a dream many of us share."

One who shared the dream early on was Kirk Perry, former administrator of the tribal Division of Heritage Preservation. In that position, he was primarily responsible for working with the Conservancy to develop joint agreements culminating with the long-term lease. Perry, now administrator of the Division of Policy and Standards, said that so many tribal sites have been destroyed over the years that he was honored to play a role in the site's preservation. "For Chickasaws, Tchichatala is a sacred place. I've been there several times and have felt the connection to and reverence for our ancient people. Every Chickasaw who visits can have that opportunity."

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The first stage of Tchichatala's development was described in an article in last month's *Times*. It involved a crew of some thirty Chickasaw landscape personnel spending nearly two weeks at the site removing refuse piles, trimming and pruning forests of mainly red cedar and curbing erosion around the ravines, ponds and on the ridge that drops down to Coonewah Creek valley.

The second phase involves an archaeological survey of 20 acres, selected from the 34 acres believed to contain areas of Chickasaw occupation before 1735 and after about 1770. The survey is to be conducted in March and April by a team of students supervised by Jay Johnson, a University of Mississippi archaeologist experienced with electronic geophysical survey equipment.

The instruments measure magnetic variations of soil, said Johnson. They should be especially effective in detecting subterranean pits that were dug by the Chickasaw for two purposes. From them, they obtained clay to help seal their winter houses. Then, the Chickasaws put their trash in the pits. Eighteenth-century durable refuse would include broken clay pots and stone and metal tools, and animal (mainly deer) bones. Many of these Chickasaw pits have been uncovered or excavated in and around the Tupelo area.

As Johnson noted, the "rich organic content of these pits resulted in a black fill that contrasts readily with the clay subsoil, and the instruments detect these differences."

The pits were dug adjacent to houses, so even if only the pits are detected, "you may still get a pretty good idea of village layout, he said. Johnson isn't sure if the instrumentation will also detect the much smaller post holes of the houses and the graves, which were dug beneath the houses. While signed agreements between the Nation and Conservancy do not permit excavating graves, excavations of other features, such as trash pits, may be permitted if a formal research proposal including such excavations is accepted by the Conservancy and Nation.

The survey, Johnson said, "will result in a confidential map of the distribution of archaeological features which will be important in planning the development of the site."

This is essential to developing the preserve. A committee has formed to develop guidelines and ideas for the interpretive center and retreat envisioned by Gov. Anoatubby. The committee is chaired by Kelley Lunsford, new administrator of the Heritage Preservation Division.

While the committee has met only once, there was general agreement that the center should be open to the public, but on a limited basis. At its next meeting, the committee will be focusing on the proposed center's objectives and scope as well as a physical concept of the center.

An article on Jay Johnson's 20-acre electronic survey will appear in the *Times* this spring.

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Important to prepare now for pandemic flu

Members of the Chickasaw Nation Emergency Preparedness team recommend preparing in advance for the possibility of pandemic flu.

A pandemic, or widespread outbreak, could occur as a result of the avian flu mutating into a form which is easily transmitted from human to human.

While we are nearing flu season and there is no imminent threat of pandemic flu it is important for everyone to prepare for a possible outbreak.

Many suggestions for pandemic preparation will serve well whether or not a pandemic occurs.

A pandemic could result in closing of some community businesses and services, including:

• School, childcare and work
• Public transportation and availability of gasoline or other fuels
• Grocery stores, banks, gas stations and other businesses
• Communications, including telephone, radio and television
•Utilities such as electricity and natural gas
• Pharmacies and healthcare facilities

Pandemic Flu Planning Checklist for Individuals and Families

You can prepare for an influenza pandemic now. You should know both the magnitude of what can happen during a pandemic outbreak and what actions you can take to help lessen the impact of an influenza pandemic on you and your family.

This checklist will help you gather the information and resources you may need in case of a flu pandemic.

1. To plan for a pandemic:

• Store a supply of water and food. During a pandemic, if you cannot get to a store, or if stores are out of supplies, it will be important for you to have extra supplies on hand. This can be useful in other types of emergencies, such as power outages and disasters.

• Have any nonprescription drugs and other health supplies on hand, including pain relievers, stomach remedies, cough and cold medicines, fluids with electrolytes, and vitamins.

• Talk with family members and loved ones about how they would be cared for if they got sick, or what will be needed to care for them in your home.

• Volunteer with local groups to prepare and assist with emergency response.

• Get involved in your community as it works to prepare for an influenza pandemic.

2. To limit the spread of germs and prevent infection:

• Teach your children to wash hands frequently with soap and water, and model the correct behavior.

• Teach your children to cover coughs and sneezes with tissues, and be sure to model that behavior.

• Teach your children to stay away from others as much as possible if they are sick. Stay home from work and school if sick.

3. Food items to have on hand for an extended stay at home:

• Ready-to-eat canned meats, fruits, vegetables, and soups
• Protein or fruit bars
• Dry cereal or granola
• Peanut butter or nuts
• Dried fruit
• Crackers
• Canned juices
• Bottled water
• Canned or jarred baby food and formula
• Pet food

4. Examples of medical, health and emergency supplies:

• Prescribed medical supplies such as glucose and blood-pressure monitoring equipment
• Soap and water, or alcohol-based hand wash
• Medicines for fever, such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen
• Thermometer
• Anti-diarrheal medication
• Vitamins
• Fluids with electrolytes
• Flashlight
• Batteries
• Portable radio
• Manual can opener
• Garbage bags
• Tissues, toilet paper, disposable diapers

Chickasaw Foundation announces Ogee Scholarship

Mooniene Ogee

The Chickasaw Foundation announces the establishment of the ***Mooniene Ogee Memorial Scholarship*** by the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature. Mrs. Ogee served the Chickasaw people for 10 years as a tribal legislator. She grew up in the Homer-Oakman area located east of Ada. Upon graduating from Byng High School, she continued her education at East Central University earning a Bachelor's and Master's degree in elementary education.

She began a career in the teaching profession at Gerty School. She later taught in Nevada and finished her career at Byng. After retiring from Byng, she accepted a position as a teacher/principal at McCall's Chapel, a private school for the physically and mentally challenged. She once again retired from teaching.

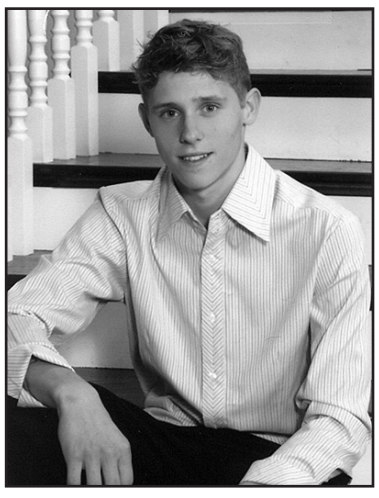
In 1992 Mooniene accepted the position as Election Secretary for the Chickasaw Nation, and developed an interest in tribal government. After serving as secretary for one year, she made the decision to seek office in the legislature. She helped to establish the volunteer program at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. She was an active member of the Democratic Party, and served as the chairperson of the county unit and co-chair at the district level. She served as a delegate to the county, district and state conventions many times as well as on the state executive committee of the Democratic Party. She was also chosen as "The Outstanding Woman" in the third congressional district of Oklahoma.

The ***Mooniene Ogee Memorial Scholarship*** will be awarded annually to a Chickasaw student majoring in education. This award will be in the amount of $500.

The Chickasaw Foundation would like to thank the Chickasaw Tribal Legislators for establishing this scholarship and honoring the memory of Mrs. Mooniene Ogee.

Our 2007-2008 scholarship application will be available on our website in March 2007 at www.chickasawfoundation.org. You may also contact our office at (580) 421-9030 for additional information or to be placed on the mailing list. Our email address is chickasawfoundation@chickasaw.net.

Morgan, Kuykendall selected for Foundation scholarships



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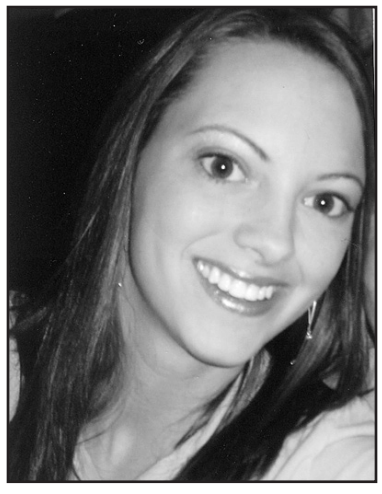

Avery Kuykendall

Mr. Blaine Morgan has been selected as the second semester recipient of the ***Computercraft Corporation Scholarship***. He is a freshman at Oklahoma Christian University majoring in mechanical engineering. He is from Prosper, Texas and attended Liberty Christian School. While in high school Blaine was a member of the Key Club, Spanish Club and the basketball team. He was nominated for *Who's Who Among American High School Students* and the Spanish National Honor Society. He worked with 2-year-olds at his church and took two mission trips to Guatemala.

Ms. **Avery Kuykendall** has been selected as one of the second semester recipients for the ***Colbert "Bud" Baker Scholarship***. She is a junior at the University of Central Arkansas (UCA) majoring in middle level education with a coaching endorsement. She is from Ozark, Arkansas and is active in sports. She is a UCA ambassador who helps the administration give tours to incoming and transfer students. Avery hopes to begin teaching upon graduation.

Chickasaw Foundation T-Ball Tournament set for April 20-21

Strike One, Strike Two, Strike Three!

You will be left out if you don't make plans to attend the Chickasaw Foundation's first T-Ball Tournament on April 20-21, 2007.

The tournament will be played at the Kiwanis Baseball Park in Ada. There will be one age group - children 6 years and under are invited to participate.

Trophies will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams in each division.

Chickasaw Foundation Student of the Month

The Chickasaw Foundation recently established the Chickasaw Foundation Student of the Month program to recognize and honor students who display the following characteristics: good citizenship, respectful to peers and program staff, program participation, leadership qualities, positive attitude, demonstrates responsibility, community service participation, cultural/tribal activities participation and demonstrates a positive academic work ethic.

Mr. Shannon Underwood is the January student of the month. He is a senior at Mill Creek High School, and was nominated by Ms. Becky Easterling, academic advisor. He has been involved with the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound program since he was a freshman. He was also elected to the Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound Leadership Council and attended the yearly conference in Oklahoma City. Basketball and grass dancing are two of his favorite hobbies. He plans on attending Haskell University and graduate with a coaching degree.

Shannon Underwood

Chickasaw Foundation donates software

The Chickasaw Foundation recently purchased four copies of the Microsoft Student with Encarta Premium 2007 software for the students at the Chickasaw Children's Village. Ms. Johnna R. Walker, Executive Director of the Chickasaw Foundation, made the presentation to Mr. Rick Kelley, Director for the Office of Strong Families. The funds were made available thru a grant from the Microsoft.

Chickasaw Foundation executive director Johnna R. Walker presents Mr. Rick Kelley, director of the tribal Office of Strong Families, with software for the Chickasaw Children's Village.

2007 Chickasaw Foundation Officers

The Chickasaw Foundation Board of Trustees, Advisory Members and General Members met on February 1 for their annual meeting. Congratulations to the following for being elected officers at this year's meeting: Mr. Kennedy Brown, Chairman; Ms. Deanna Hartley-Kelso, Vice-Chairman; Mr. Wes Brantley, Treasurer; and Mr. Kirk Perry, Secretary.

Upward Bound students visit OKC Ford Center

Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound students at the Oklahomna City Ford Center.

The Chickasaw Foundation Upward Bound programs visited the Oklahoma City Ford Center on Wednesday, February 14, 2007. Students attended the Oklahoma City/New Orleans Hornets basketball game against the Sacramento Kings. A Hornets ball cap was given to the group and a drawing was held on the bus with Sarah Moore being the winner of the cap. The Hornets will be returning to New Orleans next season so this was an opportunity to watch a National Basketball Association game without having to travel out-of-state.

Students attending were Sirena Adams, Kayla Bertwell, Sonya Brannon, Michael Brown, Lindsey Clark, Christi Coughenour, Cody Cross, Tosha Deal, Justin Dillard, Tiffany Foster, Isaac Gregg, Stephanie Gutendorf, Riley Harpole, Rebecca Moore, Sarah Moore, Travis Phipps, Amanda Riley, Kathryn Robertson, Jerry Rojas, Danielle Smith, Heather Stinnett, Ryan Thomas, Justin Woolly, Dustin Rowton, Shellan Gray, Chelsi Courtney and Jenifer Pedigo. Staff attending included Becky Easterling, Susan Webb and Steve Kile.

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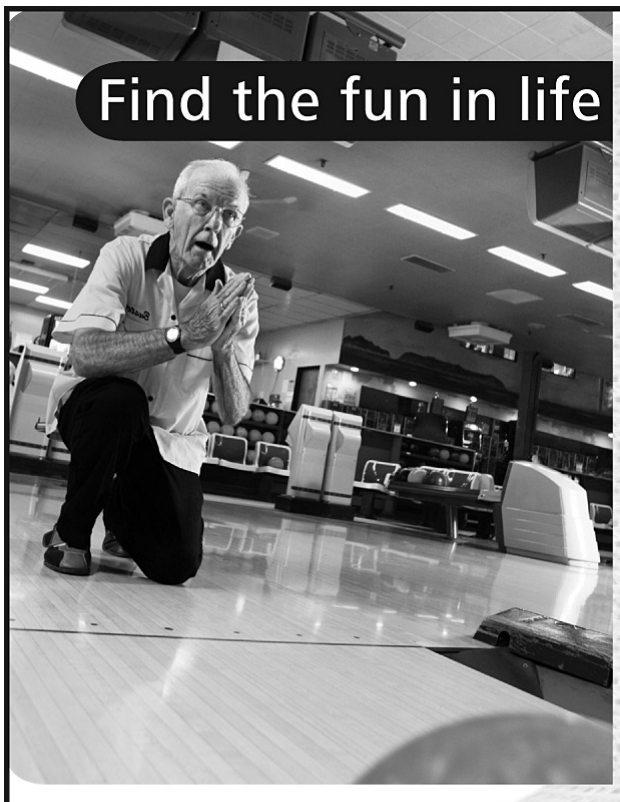
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Superintendents, Project Managers, Senior Project Manager, Project Engineers and Estimators
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Laser Operators, Shipping, Press Break, Machinist, Senior Engineer and Quality Control

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AGENDA ITEM #6
NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Mr. Humes made comments regarding land acquisitions, the need for a probate office, and the need for the Legislative Session to be changed to Saturday.

AGENDA ITEM #7 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Briggs, Secretary
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Prepared by:
Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
David Stout Building
Ada, Oklahoma
January 19, 2007

AGENDA ITEM #1
CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Scott Colbert called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Appointment of Secretary Pro Tempore

Chairperson Scott Colbert appointed Holly Easterling to serve as Secretary Pro Tempore for the session, in the absence of Ms. Briggs.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Members absent: Linda Briggs, Katy Case, Donna Hartman

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: James A. Humes, Melissa Walker, H.D. Gardner, Tom Bolitho, Traile G. Glory, Ron Frazier, Tony Choate, Barbara Goodman

AGENDA ITEM #3
INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - December 15, 2006

A motion was made by Ms. Green and seconded by Ms. Easterling to approve the December 15, 2006 minutes.

Ms. Alexander noted a correction in the vote count on GR24-003, page two.

A motion was made by Ms. Alexander and seconded by Dr. Goforth Parker to table the minutes of December 15, 2006.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

10 yes votes

The motion to table the minutes of December 15, 2006 carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Steve Woods

No report.

(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Holly Easterling

General Resolution Number 24-015, Authorization for an Escrow Agreement Relating to and the Defeasance of Chickasaw Nation Certificates of Participation (Indian Health Services, Regional Supply Service Center)

The Indian Health Service (IHS) currently leases a warehouse in Ada owned by the Chickasaw Nation. Certificates of Participation were issued by the tribe to build the warehouse. The original amount of the Certificates was $3,015,000 of which $1,750,000 are currently outstanding. Due to a change in its operating plan, IHS wishes to cancel its lease with the Nation as of March 31, 2007. The lease has seven and one half years remaining. The warehouse sets next to the hospital complex and has many uses, the value of which exceeds the amount necessary to defease the bonds,

Directory established for tribal entrepreneurs

A directory of businesses owned by Chickasaws is being created to help promote economic opportunity for tribal entrepreneurs.

There is no cost to be listed in the directory, which will include the name of the business, contact and location information, as well as information on the goods or services provided by the business.

In addition to a printed directory, a web site will be created to enable electronic access to all information.

Chickasaws with a CDIB who would like to be listed in the directory should provide the information requested on the form below via email to vicky.gold@chickasaw.net or complete the form below and return to *The Chickasaw Times*, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821.

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Company Name:_____

Parent Company name (if applicable):_____

Mailing Address:_____

City, State, Zip:_____

Street Address:_____

Phone Number:_____ Fax Number:_____

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Owner's Name:_____ Owner's Title:_____

Other contact person:_____

Brief description of product/services (be specific):_____

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Name/Title Percent Ownership CDIB Tribal Affiliation

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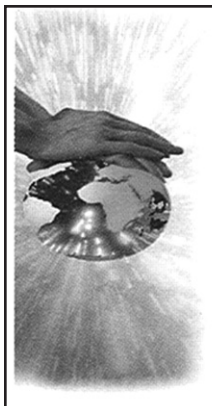
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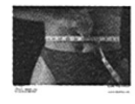

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also referred to herein as the Certificates. The facility has approximately 32,400 square feet of space. Due to the fact there was no call provision set forth in the original bond indenture, we have no ability to prepay the bonds and or Certificates; therefore, it is necessary to deposit with the trustee bank an amount which along with the interest earned by such funds will pay the principal, interest and trustees fees as they come due. This defeasance will allow the Nation to release IHS from its lease agreement without default. The exact amount of the funds required is unknown until the investments are purchased, as the purchase price is a function of the interest rate which changes daily. It is in the best interest of the Chickasaw Nation to proceed with bond defeasance and terminate the lease agreement with IHS.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR24-015.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

10 yes votes

The motion to approve GR24-015 carried unanimously.

Ms. Easterling concluded her report.

(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus

General Resolution Number 24-016, Approval of Application for Funding – U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (FY 2007 Tribal Youth Program)

This resolution approves the application for federal funding to provide culturally-sensitive prevention services and alcohol and substance abuse programs to those youth of the Chickasaw Nation in need. The proposed project will identify risk factors for delinquency and then identify youth at risk of delinquency and provide them with prevention programs. The proposed project will also provide drug and alcohol screening and testing to youth at the request of parents and/or guardians. Referrals will be offered to those families in need. Alcohol and drug abuse prevention education will also be provided.

A motion was made by Dr. Goforth Parker and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR24-016.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

10 yes votes

The motion to approve GR24-016 carried unanimously.

Ms. McManus concluded her report.

(D) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Judy Goforth Parker

Dr. Goforth Parker reported the Status Report of Rural Property will be discussed at the next Land Development Committee.

(E) EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Wanda Blackwood Scott

Ms. Wanda Blackwood Scott reported new information regarding Education will be in the *Chickasaw Times*.

(F) HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Mary Jo Green

Ms. Green stated her report will be in the *Chickasaw Times*.

(G) HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Linda Briggs

No report.

AGENDA ITEM #7

NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Mr. James Humes voiced his concern about information that is made available to the citizens related to property purchased by the Nation and information in a resolution presented by the Human Resources Committee. He stated that he will be attending the North Texas Community Council meeting, and asked the Legislature to change the date of the Legislative Sessions to Saturday.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Holly Easterling, Secretary Pro Tempore

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Prepared by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

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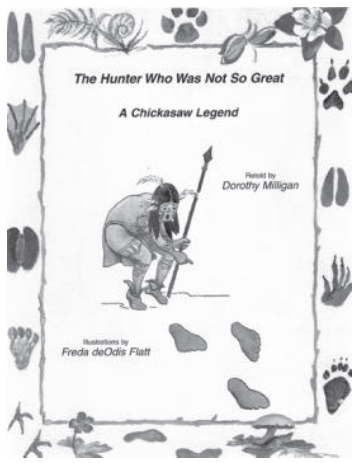
A Chickasaw Legend



The Hunter Who Was Not So Great centers around a brave hunter who becomes a little too confident in his abilities and must learn the lesson of not bragging. This lesson is delivered by Ihoff, the giant who lives deep in the forest and possesses strange powers including a "secret weapon."

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What's In A Number? Part III: Understanding FICO (credit) scores

Repairing Credit

Errors are made every day by almost everyone. From that aspect, you would expect to find at least one error on your own credit report, so be prepared. Some things are easy to get fixed and others aren't. None of it is usually fast. You do need to have supporting documentation to prove the error. As an example, if you have a Dillards credit card and your credit report shows 1X30 in the past 12 months, which means you had one payment that was one times 30 days late. If you have copies of the last 12 months of your statements and no late charge was incurred, that may be enough, or determine which month they are reporting as late and obtain a copy of the check (front and back) for that month. This can be evidence of the payment you made, the amount and the date which speaks for itself that you were not late on your payment. Some of the most common mistakes are collections that have been paid but don't get reported as paid or tax liens that are released but do not get reported released. If you have that kind of situation, then make sure and keep copies of any payments you make to payoff a collection or a copy of the tax release from the IRS. Errors also occur due to mis-typed information, like a misspelled name or transposed numbers on an address or social security number. Chances are that someone has that social security number and that name. The report may be for someone other than you.

You will have to copy this documentation and mail it to all three of the repositories. My personal recommendation is to send this kind of correspondence by return receipt requested so you have record of it arriving there and who actually signed for it.

With the increase in Identity Theft, erroneous credit reports are increasing in number. That is another good reason to check your own personal credit report annually, to confirm that no-one has stolen your identity and opened new credit under your name and social security number. You have the right to submit a personal statement to all three of the repositories, to be printed with your credit report anytime it is requested if you suspect that someone has stolen your identity or committed fraud against you in dealing with your credit.

I want to note here that there are numerous advertisements that offer to repair your credit and increase your score fast, for a fee. I don't recommend that method. Some of those companies are simply out to collect money and will not properly repair your credit. I advise extreme caution when dealing with mortgage brokers, lenders or credit repair companies.

The Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing and Tribal Development is committed to helping you clear up your credit, whether it is errors made by others or if poor credit resulted from financial difficulty you might have experienced in the past. Kyra Childers is the Loan Services Counselor II for the DHTD and she is committed to your success, period. Any of us working here can help you read your credit report and determine if there are errors. If you need help setting up a budget and paying off some debts or collections, Kyra can help you do that and walk you through to the end.

Consideration beyond credit scoring

When you apply for a mortgage loan to buy a home, lenders look at a number of factors in their decision making process, and sometimes it is a computer that makes the decision! Today, most files are underwritten by automation – computer. This allows a much fairer process and completely eliminates any possibility of discrimination.

There are loan programs that are FICO score based. The Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing and Tribal Development does not use those companies or those loan programs, but if you venture out to you local lending community, you will find a large variety of mortgage products tied to scores.

A good, traditional mortgage banker or bank will look at each file and borrower independently if they need to. In that review, they will consider income, assets, employment, credit and the collateral, which is the subject property you are purchasing or refinancing.

INCOME

The lender needs to confirm that you work and make enough money to pay your debts – car payment, Penney's, Target, etc., plus, make your mortgage payment on your new home. To do that, they will need to see two consecutive paystubs, that include year-to-date figures and your past two years W2 statements. If you are self-employed they will request at least, two years of full tax returns.

ASSETS

For files that are underwritten by computer, assets carry a lot of weight. The more money you have remaining after closing, the higher the likelihood of loan approval. You will want to provide your lender with copies of statements on all of your assets including, checking, savings, retirement, stocks and bonds and mutual funds.

EMPLOYMENT

When the computer or lender reviews your employment they are looking for potential stability – how long you have been with your current employer, and two – if you have changed jobs once or more than once, was it for a salary and/or position increase to better your financial situation?

PROPERTY/COLLATERAL

Remember that this is the collateral for the loan. If you don't make your payments and the loan goes into default, the lender has the right to foreclose, take the property back and re-sell it. They want to make sure that if that happens, they will be able to sell the property (it has marketability) and that they can sell it for at least the balance on the mortgage loan (based on an appraisal). Mobile Homes are the most difficult types of properties to obtain a mortgage loan on. Unique property types, like log or dome homes take more effort on the part of the appraiser.

Conclusion

*See **Credit Scores,** page 31*

Check it out . . . at the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Library!

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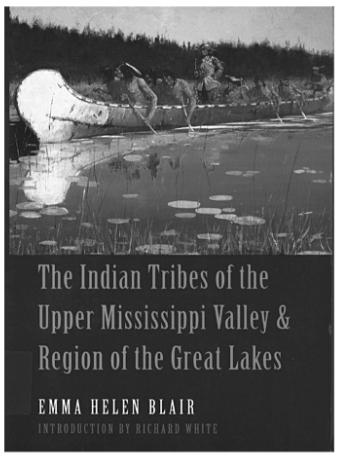
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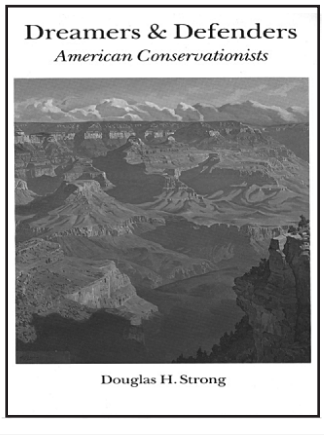

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At the end of the day, or the end of the file, the computer or underwriter is going to sit back and consider all of the factors above. That process involves weighing each factor against another. For example, your assets – how much money you have available in the bank after closing – counts more if you are borrowing 100% of the sales price of the property. As an example, if you are buying a home that has a sales price of $100,000 and you want to borrow 100% of that, or $100,000, then the underwriter would like to see some money in the bank after closing. But, let's say you are only borrowing $75,000 on that $100,000 home. Now your loan to value is only 75% and the underwriter feels less risk when you as the buyer have $25,000 on the line.

Your credit is a big factor because it reflects your pay habits and is an indicator of how timely you will pay on the mortgage you are applying for, but it is not the only factor. The second most important item is your assets.

In the first installment of this series of articles, I gave you the web address to order a free credit report. If you are thinking about becoming a homeowner, it is a good idea to know what is on your credit report before you apply. If you order that report and need assistance deciphering it, and it can really look like a foreign language if you aren't used to reading credit reports, please feel free to call any of us in housing and we will be happy to help.

If you wish to contact the three credit repositories on your own, I am providing their mailing addresses and phone numbers below.

Experian
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Allen, Texas 75013
(888) 397-3742

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P.O. Box 2000
Chester, Pennsylvania 19022
(800) 888-4213

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Case, Tim Colbert, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

Permanent Resolution Number 24-004

Amendments to Title 8 of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Election Rules and Procedures)

Explanation: This resolution amends the rules and procedures for the election of tribal officials in the Chickasaw Nation.

Requested By: Steve Woods, Committee Chair Election Rules and Regulations Ad Hoc Committee

Presented By: Steve Woods, Committee Chair Election Rules and Regulations Ad Hoc Committee

To Table

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Holly Easterling, Mary Jo Green, Donna Hartman, Dean McManus, Judy Goforth Parker, Wanda Blackwood Scott, David Woerz, Steve Woods, Scott Colbert

No votes: Tim Colbert

Abstain: Linda Briggs

SHOW OFF YOUR PRIDE AND JOY!

We want to feature your kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, etc. in a special "Pride and Joy" section in our April issue of the *Chickasaw Times*. Please send a photo with you special child's name, age and guardian information. Include a note about why they are your "Pride and Joy!"

We need to receive these by **March 22, 2007**. Please send to: **The *Chickasaw Times*, c/o Pride and Joy, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821.**

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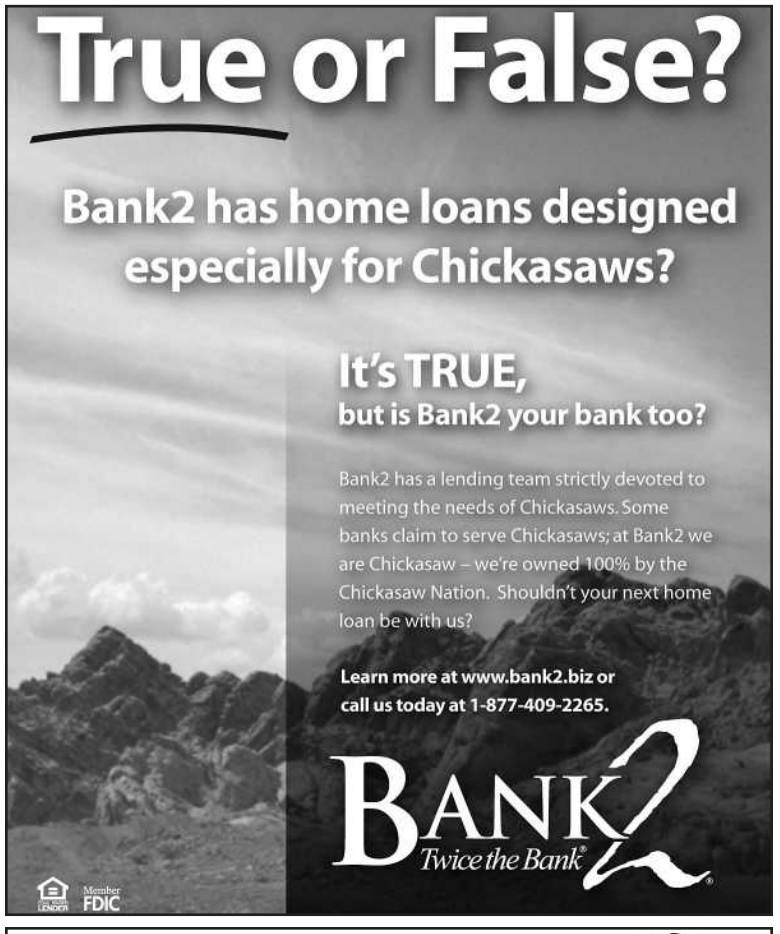
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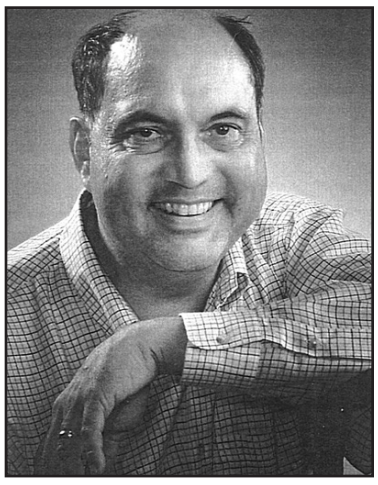

Thomas Clark Cheadle, 57, died Dec. 24, 2006 in Vancouver, Wash.

He was born Jan. 13, 1949 at Des Moines, Iowa.

Mr. Cheadle lived in Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, California, Texas and Washington. He was a high school quarterback, college All-American soccer goalie, middle-aged golfer and a fan of life.

He graduated from the University of Wisconsin at Platteville and worked as a computer software salesman.

His family and friends knew him as strong, determined, humorous, kind, honorable, loving and generous. He was proud to be a Lion serving the community and volunteered with Oregon Donor Program, where he served on the board of directors, including as chairman. He was a ardent advocate for organ donation since receiving a kidney transplant in 1992.

He is survived by his loving wife, Vivian; companion dog, Logan; father and stepmother, Overton "Buck" and Helen Cheadle, Ada, Okla.; a brother, Robert and wife Darlene Cheadle, Ada; two sisters Maryalice and husband Doug Gaskell, Chantilly, Va., and Liz Nelson, Willmar, Minn.; in-law parents, Dr. Norman and Helga Zheutlin, Los Angeles, and Arlie and Jeanne Thorn, Bend, Ore.; cousins; nieces; nephews; in-laws and step-family members; and many friends who loved and admired him.

A Celebration of life was hosted at Vancouver Funeral Chapel, Jan. 6, 2007.

Please make contributions to Oregon Donor Program, P.O. Box, 532, Portland, OR 97207-0532.

Faye Glenn

Faye Glenn, 95, died at an Oklahoma City hospital Feb. 5, 2007 after a brief illness.

A native of Marshall County, she was born in Lebanon, Okla., March 16, 1911 to John Calvin Glenn and Eula Eunice McGee Glenn.

They moved to Madill, Okla., when she was very young. She attended Madill schools and graduated from Madill High School with the Class of 1928. She was proud of her Chickasaw heritage. Her mother and maternal grandfather were original enrollees.

After graduating she worked as Deputy Marshall County Clerk. She attended Murray State College, Tishomingo, Okla., and Southeastern State College, Durant, Okla., to attain an associate's degree.

She taught in a one-teacher school at Enos, Okla. She was later employed as secretary for Traveler's Insurance Agency at Madill. When that office moved to Oklahoma City she transferred there where she lived the remainder of her life. She was a Civil Service employee and retired from government employment after many years. At the time of retirement she was secretary with the Department of Indian Health, Education and Welfare. A high light of her career was her tenure at Johnson Air Force Base just outside of Tokyo. She was proud to be one of several IRS employees invited by Oklahoma U.S. Senator Elmer Thomas to attend the inauguration of President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

She remained a member of the Madill Methodist Church from 1923. She had taught boy's Sunday school, was an accomplished pianist and played for church services and the Madill Rotary Club. She was also active in Madill Business and Professional Women's Club.

She was a vibrant conversationalist, loved to read, TV and her telephone. Her last years she was housebound and enjoyed visiting via phone with her relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, J.C. Glenn, Jr.; and sister, Mary Margaret Glenn-Greenawalt-Gaither.

She is survived by a sister, Bess Louise Ward and husband, David, Madill; three nieces; one-great-niece; two great-nephews; three great-great-nephews; and a number of cousins.

There was no formal funeral service as she chose the University of Oklahoma Health Science Center Willed Body Program.

Martin Samuel Carney

Martin Samuel Carney, 50, of Broken Arrow, Okla., died Nov. 16, 2006 at Saint Francis Hospital, Tulsa. Mr. Carney was buried at the National Cemetery in Fort Gibson, Okla., with full military honors.

He was born July 2, 1956 at the Choctaw Nation Hospital, Talihina, Okla., to Sam Carney and the late Augusta La Fountaine, of Ardmore, Okla.

Mr. Carney is a Choctaw tribal member and a Veteran of the United States Marine Corp. He was an inspector for Northwest Airlines Aircraft and a volunteer soccer coach.

He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Patricia; sons, Tristin Adryan and Trent Alexe Carney, all of Broken Arrow; brothers, Glen, Johnny, Nick, Dennis and Keith Carney; and a sister Teresa Freeman.

Theresa Phyllis Hart

Theresa Phyllis Hart, 67, of Norman, Okla., died Nov. 28. Graveside services were Dec. 2, 2006 at Tishomingo (OK) Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Primrose Funeral Service.

She was born Feb. 8, 1939, to Chisholm and Ruby (Ned) Underwood in Tishomingo.

Mrs. Hart was of the Southern Baptist faith and enjoyed attending and serving in the church. She was a devoted volunteer for Food for Friends. Her greatest enjoyment was her grandchildren and the time she spent with them.

She was preceded in death by her father; her stepfather Leon Anderson; and her husband of 35 years, Glen Hart in 1996.

She is survived by her mother, Ruby Underwood-Anderson; daughter Terri Byrd and husband Bill; daughter Christie Upchurch and husband Gary; two granddaughters, Breleigh and Mahlia Upchurch; and a brother John Lewis Underwood and family.

In Memory of Layla (Frazier) Goodpasture
Sept. 17, 1980 - March 6, 2006
and Jessie Sierra Altman-Frazier
July 20, 2003 - March 6, 2006

Lost in time without you here
Absent of everyday focus on activities
You're in my thoughts constantly
Losing my mind to hear your voice
Aging faster every day.

Asking God for peace of mind
Never escaping the heartache
Death only separates us for a season.

Jewels forever shining in my mind's eye
Eternity is a sentence upon this earth
Serenity and calmness are unachievable
Smiles and laughter of yours fill my mind
I miss you, I miss you, I miss you
Ever-lasting hope to see you again.
Love, your families.

Chickasaw Park tops 3 million annual visits

Superintendent Bruce Noble announced recently that visitation to Chickasaw National Recreation Area increased during 2006 over 2005, despite a horrendous fire season, sweltering heat and exorbitant fuel prices.

In 2006, 3,001,697 total visits to the recreation area exceeded the 2,979,672 total visits in 2005. This represents an increase of 22,025 visitors.

Total recreational visits were 1,343,793 in 2006, higher than the total recreational visits of 1,295,212 in 2005 an increase of 48,581 visitors.

Due to milder temperatures in the spring and fall, total and recreational visits in the second and fourth quarters were higher than the same quarters in 2005.

The average total visits to the recreation area are 3 million per year. The average total recreational visits are 1.3 million per year.

Total visits are recreational and non-recreational visits to Chickasaw National Recreation Area combined. Recreational visits are defined as visitors to the Point, Buckhorn, Guy Sandy and Platt areas of the recreational area. Non-recreational visits are visitors traveling through the recreation are on U.S. Highway 177.

For more information about the National Park Service visitor statistics, visit www2.nature.nps.gov/mpur and sign on as "guest."